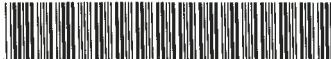


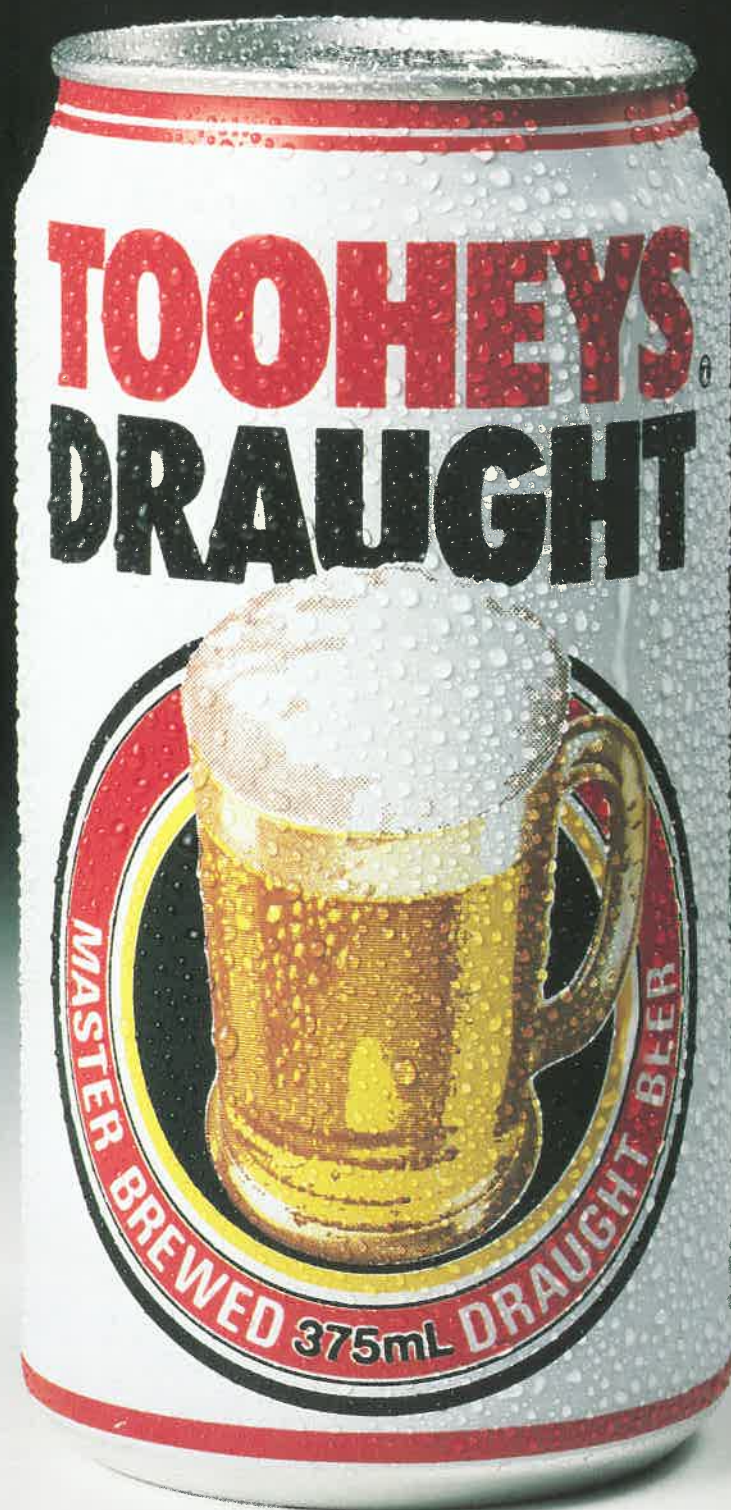
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MESSAGE FROM THE LORD MAYOR

It is with great pleasure I send this congratulatory letter on the occasion of the Centenary of the Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club.

Soccer is one of Australia's oldest and most popular sports enjoyed by a large number of participants and spectators.

Administrators of the Club, both past and present, deserve great credit, for without their tireless efforts the sport would not have flourished.

Many successes and achievements have been recorded by "Rosebuds" during its 100 years of operation.

The Club's reputation for the development of young players is widely recognised and its contribution to the community is appreciated.

This is an outstanding milestone in the Club's history and on behalf of the Citizens of Newcastle, the Council and Aldermen, I wish Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club continued success and prosperity.

I hope that the 1989 Centennial Soccer Season is an enjoyable and memorable one.

Yours Faithfully
John McNaughton
Lord Mayor



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

On behalf of the N.S.W. Government I congratulate the *Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club* on reaching this great milestone.

The Club has established a fine history and can look back on its achievements with great pride.

Soccer is fast becoming one of the country's most popular team sports and plays an important role in the physical development of our youngsters.

Australian soccer teams continue to make their mark internationally due largely to the encouragement and development of our amateur players.

Adamstown Rosebud has produced many talented players during its 100-year history and has been a pacesetter in Northern NSW football for many years.

I commend the club committee on its dedication and commitment to soccer and community affairs in the northern region.

I wish club members, supporters and players every success in their centenary year.



*The Hon. Bob Rowland Smith M.L.C.
N.S.W. Minister for Sport,
Recreation and Racing*

THE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is with extreme pleasure that I have the opportunity to extend congratulations on behalf of soccer in Australia to *Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club* on achieving one hundred years of football.

When one considers the code in Australia celebrated its Centenary in the same decade there must be a sense of pride and fulfilment by all associated with the Club.

I believe it appropriate to note just some of the achievements of *Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club* and in doing so one can understand and appreciate what they have achieved.

Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club is the third oldest in New South Wales, and is the oldest club in Australia never to be relegated from First Division, had twenty players represent Australia whilst playing for Adamstown; supplied three Australian Captains and is the only Club ever to have seven players in the one Australian Team.

The Club in the latter part of its first one hundred years formed a Licensed Club in 1956 and has continued to achieve and es-

tablish traditions that will ensure it continues to set the highest standards of club management.

May I on behalf of all associated with Soccer in Australia record my sincere congratulations to the past and present executive, club members, players and supporters of the *Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club* on a fine achievement in serving football in the Newcastle region for a century.



*Ian Brusasco A.M.
Chairman
Australian Soccer Federation.*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with a great deal of pride & satisfaction that I write this report for our *Centenary Book*. It is indeed a great honour to be president of this club on such a special occasion. This being the centenary year of one of Australia's finest & better known football clubs, "*ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD*". To have realised this milestone all associated with the club over the past one hundred years have all played an important role in the history of the club. Players, officials & supporters are all very special when it comes to such an achievement.

Over the years we have had some very notable players wear our team colours & included in this group are several who have represented Australia, some have also had the added distinction of being Captain. I feel also, that with our intensive junior programme in operation, it will not be long before we have more players wearing the green & gold of Australia.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our centenary committee for their efforts in organizing a week of celebrations that will be remembered for years to come.

To Allyn Hammonet & David Green go a very special thank you for their efforts in putting this book together. A book I hope you will all enjoy & will bring back many happy memories for you.

In closing I would like to invite you all to join in this week of festivities & help us celebrate *Adamstown Rosebud's* 100 years of football and may our next 100 years be bigger & better.



*Thank You
Alan Davies
President*

MESSAGE FROM THE NORTHERN SOCCER FEDERATION

July 12 this year, which marks the one-hundredth anniversary of the *Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club*, is a milestone of which the club can be justly proud.

It is a fine achievement for a football club to have existed continuously for a century and, for the *Adamstown Rosebud* club to have done so, is a tribute to the dedication and loyalty of a host of its administrative and players past and present.

The value of sound administration to any sporting club cannot be overestimated: It is the basis on which club survive and develop.

And, in the case of the *Adamstown Rosebud* club, the stability of its administration over the decades undoubtedly influenced the on-field performances of its teams.

As a result, few football honours have eluded the club, which has also provided the springboard for innumerable players to gain State and international honours.

The *Rosebud* centenary will be an event that club members and supporters will celebrate with pride.

It will be an event that the Northern NSW Soccer Federation recognises with no small measure of administration.



*Dave Williams,
President, Northern NSW Soccer Federation*

INTRODUCTION

It is not possible to condense a 100-year history as successful as *Adamstown Rosebud's* into a few chapters. There are too many incidents to recall, too many honours to mention in full.

But it is possible to dwell on the more significant achievements of an outfit regarded throughout the North as one of the most progressive clubs, and one whose contributions to the game are outstanding.

The club brought the State championship to the North when it won the 1907 Gardiner Cup (regarded as the State championship) with a team that was forced to play under an assumed name to sidestep Sydney administration that had twice withdrawn Adamstown's invitation to compete against the Sydney teams.

The Sydney body, however, found that it isn't terribly easy to hold back the tide, and on regular occasions over the years, the capital's administrators watched soccer supremacy shift north of the Hawkesbury River.

Continued success eventually brought a begrudging respect from the south, and plenty of admiration from Adamstown's Northern peers.

But the club has given as much as it has taken from the code. In fact, there was probably no better example that the club had the welfare of Northern soccer at heart than its 1984 rescue mission, when it injected much-needed funds into the hastily formed *Newcastle Rosebud United* club after the collapse of the original National Soccer League flagship, Newcastle KB United.

The circumstances surrounding the drama still evoke plenty of emotional argument. But the bottom line is this: *Adamstown Rosebud* was the Northern club that put aside petty jealousies which obstructed what should have been a spirit of co-operation between the established local clubs and the NSL flagship, eventually providing the financial crutch that helped the city prolong its NSL association for more years than it might otherwise have done.

At first, assistance came through the use of Adamstown Oval and the licensed *Rosebud* premises; in the end, it was direct funding of the *Rosebud United* team which rose from KB's ashes.

Adamstown has shown charity on other fronts, both at home and to other Northern Federation rivals.

The club has actively encouraged its players to look further afield to develop their careers. Who can forget the contribution made to the development of Ray

Baartz, Col Curran and Doug Johns when they were offered scholarships to the famous Manchester United in the mid-1960's, the support of Joe Senkalski's foray into the English League through Middlesborough's door in the 1970's, and the most recent exercise that saw another crop of youngsters, goalkeeper Stuart Horvath among them, try their luck in England in 1988.

In other areas, the club has also extended a friendly hand to visitors. Manchester United were so impressed with the club's hospitality in 1967 that the English club's management presented the *Rosebud* officials with a complete strip, one that subsequently became famous as Adamstown's alternate strip.

On the local front, Adamstown Oval has been a haven for more than a few 'homeless' souls. Apart from the NSL and, following relegation in 1986, State League fixtures involving Newcastle's representatives, Northern clubs such as Merewether, Cooks Hill, Hamilton Azzurri and Wallsend have all found temporary home at Bryant St. The gesture to Wallsend is perhaps the true measure of Adamstown's concern over the welfare of the Northern game.

The Red Devils are one of Adamstown's fiercest and oldest rivals. Rather than watch an old warrior stumble, *Rosebud* officials offered their Wallsend counterparts use of Adamstown Oval at the start of 1988 when Wallsend first lost its Crystal Palace headquarters to developers. The clubs still share the ground today.

Administratively, Adamstown has also

held its ground over the years. The most graphic example of its commitment to the local game was seen in the well-documented split of 1928 when a Coalfields-led revolt saw soccer in NSW split into two.

Adamstown remained loyal to the NSW Soccer Association despite pressure to join the breakaway league. Almost all of Adamstown's players stood by the club management, despite attractive offers from Sydney that must have been sorely tempting in a period of economic trouble the like of which has never been seen in this country. Only when it became clear that the Northern competition was no longer worthwhile did Adamstown push for inclusion in 1929, when the Coalfields rivals lobbied successfully to have the *Rosebud* club accepted.

Adamstown is no less an institution as the club enters its second 100 years. Top of the heap in Northern Federation football at present, it is likely to join the city's drive back in to State and National League spheres within the next few years.

Suffice to say that its potential rivals are already looking over their shoulders. The *Rosebud* tradition carries that much weight.

It is not the aim of this book to chronicle the century of achievement. Rather, it sets out to highlight some of the performances and the characters who have made contributions over the 100 years.

Adamstown *Rosebud's* centenary committee trusts the following pages will revive some cherished memories.



1896 Adamstown. (Premiers)
Back Row: Bob Hunter, James Bone (Trn) James Bartley, Chas Welham, Harry Dempsey, Dave Waugh, Dave Wilson, Eddie Bartley, J.D. Hamilton.
Middle Row: Bob Waugh, Dave Harris, Geo Nicholas (Cpt) R.R. Elgy, Richard Tarrant.
Front Row: George Lee, Joe Waugh (Mascot) Bob Talbot.

A GLANCE AT 100 YEARS

It doesn't exactly constitute a divine right to rule in the Northern NSW soccer sphere.

But *Adamstown Rosebud's* prominence in Northern soccer can be partly attributed to a piece of intervention "from above", since a man of the cloth was one of the prime forces behind the formation of the Adamstown club 100 years ago..

The Reverend John Penman, a cleric with a passion for the round ball code, sowed the seed from which the mighty *Rosebuds* grew with a casual comment passed after he had watched a match on what is now Mitchell Park (in Merewether) in 1888.

He congratulated a young player named Peter Finlayson on his matchwinning goal for Hamilton Athletic in their encounter with Burwood United, and followed it up with a suggestion that the mechanics of a successful club could be found at Adamstown.

The bottom line was a broad hint that since a fair percentage of established players were resident in Adamstown, one of them Finlayson himself, a team representing the area could be successfully pitched into the 1889 Northern competition.

The prospects were clearly encouraging. Yet had it not been for Rev Penman's persistence, the *Rosebud* football dynasty as we know it today may never have started.

It took several more verbal prods from Rev Penman to persuade Finlayson and other Adamstown-based cohorts to put the wheels in motion by calling a meeting for July 12, 1889, at Adamstown Park. The subject for discussion, as was announced on handwritten cardboard posters, was the formation of a football club (British Association rules, of course) in Adamstown.

The club had a stormy birth, to say the least. The meeting went ahead despite a fierce cloudburst which lashed the southern parts of the city of Newcastle. But by the end of the evening Finlayson, inevitably elected to the post of foundation secretary, found himself in charge of a football club. "Things born in adversity," Finlayson said at the time, "often grow to great success."

A name for the new club, however, was something that needed much more serious discussion. The topic was adjourned until August, when the newly-elected club officials met again to chew over the alternatives. What might it have been? Submitted to the committee were suggestions that included *Athletic*, *Central*, *Wanderers*, *Rangers*, *Albion*, *The Pioneers*, *Rosebud*, *West End*, *Advance*, *Thistles* and *Pirates*.

Two hours later, however, the club officially became *Adamstown Rosebud*. Seventy percent of those present favoured the *Rosebud* name.

It appealed for a number of reasons. It was original, it reflected on an area renowned at the time for the horticultural variety of *Rosebud* and, importantly to a population that had settled in the area from the coal mines of the motherland, it had a decidedly English ring.

Nor were the officials naive enough to underestimate the power of marketing, even in those days. At the time, the most popular brand of butter was the *Rosebud* brand packaged by Newcastle wholesale grocers J. Ireland and Co.

The only thing that certainly didn't influence the decision was the club's colours. *Adamstown Rosebuds* first played in blue and white and appeared in several variations of those colours before blossoming in later years in the now familiar red and green.

The naming issue settled, the business of recruiting and outfitting a football team began apace, helped by Adamstown local council's gesture of granting use of Adamstown Park for the team's matches.

Teething problems were ironed out during the remainder of the 1889 season, in which the team drew its first trial match against Hamilton Seconds (2-2), leaving the club's committee free to focus on the 1890 season proper.

While it appears to have been done with a minimum of fuss once the initial steps had been taken, the magnitude of the task confronting the *Rosebud* pioneers shouldn't be underestimated.

The sporting environment at the time was hardly ideal.

Quite apart from a recession which hit hard in a region heavily reliant on the coal trade, the Hunter as it was then known had polarised into three main sporting pursuits.

Rugby Union dominated the inner city area, and Australian rules held sway in Maitland, Waratah and Wallsend. Soccer was played predominantly in West Wallsend, Minmi and Wallsend; in the inner city, the game's devotees struggled to hold their footing.

English and Scottish immigrants who landed in a city that was somewhat hostile to the round ball game were forced to travel uphill and down dale to uncover the local version of the British Association game.

It meant waiting for every second Saturday since badge matches (as the early games were known) were played only on

"back" weekends because most of the players were rostered to work every second weekend.

And even then, the pocket of soccer enthusiasts in places such as Adamstown and Hamilton still had to work for their bi-weekly football "fix". To get to Hamilton Athletic's pitch, for instance, would-be players and spectators faced a walk through ti-tree scrub, while Burwood United's home games on a pitch where St Josephs convent now stands meant a climb over Glebe hill.

But the game, and in particular the young *Rosebuds*, caught hold in what was deemed a barren climate. Indeed, they flourished, as was seen on July 12, 1890, when 220 people paid to see the fledgling club beaten 2-0 by Minmi Rangers in the club's first official badge competition match, played exactly 12 months after the club was formed.

By the time the powers guiding Adamstown's football fortunes gathered for the annual general meeting of 1891, the *Rosebuds* had taken deep root.

It was reflected in the balance sheet, which showed a profit of more than seven pound, and in the progressive thinking of the executive, which outlined a plan for development that was the forerunner to the formula that has kept Adamstown flying higher than most of its rivals in a century of football that was to follow.

Peter Finlayson, soon to depart for Western Australia in the search for steady work, stressed the need to guard against complacency, to develop "a winning team and a strong second XI", and to provide a better playing surface.

The subsequent recruiting brought the club's first 'star' signings in Arch Jackson (father of Test cricketer), his brother James, "Scotty" Millar (from Wallsend) and "Jocky" Stevenson (from Hamilton Athletics).

Bolstered by the imports, Adamstown finished as beaten semi-finalists in the Ellis Cup knockout after a highly successful badge competition in which the *Rosebuds* beat Hamilton Athletic 1-0 and drew 3-3 with Greta Bluebells.

Consolidation of its place among the competition leaders continued over the next few seasons, despite the constraints placed upon a mining community by the 1892 recession in the coal industry and the bank crash of the same year.

Adamstown found enough in the bank account to lure the feted DR J.F.M. *Princepts* to the north giving their supporters a feast of football memories in a period when meals and money weren't that easy

to obtain. The good doctor was an English international who had played for his homeland against Scotland at a time when representative "caps" were few and far between. He joined Adamstown in 1893 after playing the previous season for Canterbury.

Regarded as the 'prince of dribblers', *Princeps* regularly attracted crowds of 1000 and more to the games in which he played.

The attraction was almost magnetic. Quite apart from his bewildering ball control, the doctor was a goalscorer without peer: he picked up five against Carrington Black Watch, added a hat trick in the following round against Greta Bluebells, and in a dramatic derby with Wallsend Rovers scored all of Adamstown's goals in 6-6 draw that reportedly finished early when a *Princeps* drive hit the crossbar and burst the ball.

"Crowd trouble" in the game, to use the term loosely, followed closely on the heels of *Princeps*' arrival. The return match against Wallsend, which drew the first 1000-plus crowd to Adamstown, saw *Prin-*

ceps score the goal that brought *Rosebuds* back to level terms after trailing 2-0 at half time, before a bizarre incident brought another early end to the match.

With five minutes remaining, *Princeps* had the ball and the goal at his mercy after a dazzling run through six would-be tacklers, only to be brought down in a rugby tackle by a Wallsend supporter.

All hell broke loose, as did the guilty party (who headed for the ti-tree, and safety), and the match was declared a draw.

Princeps moved on to Brisbane the following season, but his legacy to Adamstown was a list of suggestions offered to new secretary George Nicholls, who heeded much of the advice passed on by the English star. This included the need to train regularly and to develop what was recognised even then a nursery rich in potential young talent.

The club went from strength to strength, picking up its first major title when it finished level with Minmi at the head of the 1894 badge competition before beating the Rangers 2-0 in the final.

Rosebuds also won the Ellis Cup knockout, surviving a draw in the first playoff with Minmi Thistle (1-1) and a disputed replay in which Thistle's 2-1 win was overruled because they had fielded two Rangers players, before emerging a 3-1 winner in the third playoff.

Greatly encouraged by these successes, Adamstown was at the head of a push to tackle the established Sydney rivals in a competition known as the Gardiner Cup and regarded as the State championship. But it will surprise no-one who has been involved in the Northern game to learn that the challenge from beyond the Hawkesbury River was less than popular with the Sydney-based powerbrokers.

The executive at *Rosebud* decided to enter a team in the 1895 Gardiner Cup. The club was duly admitted, along with Minmi, and on June 29 Adamstown kicked off its campaign with a 3-0 win over Sydney Thistle.

The result delighted the *Rosebud* camp, and all Newcastle soccer followers for that matter, but it was not well-received in Sydney.

In an extraordinary move which strikes a remarkable chord with today's football politics, Adamstown was informed by the State Association that the game had been declared a 'no-match' because both Adamstown and Minmi had allegedly failed to provide referees with full lists of their players when both were accepted into the competition.

George Nicholls took Adamstown's appeal to Sydney and had the decision overturned, but the issue didn't end there.

A meeting of all the Sydney club delegates subsequently voted to disqualify the Newcastle clubs for the season, a decision that remained despite a storm of protest from both north and south.

Forced to look for compensation on the local scene, the Adamstown players retrieved something from the season by beating Wallsend 2-0 to take the badge competition final. Minmi also took something for its trouble by toppling Adamstown in the Ellis Cup final.

The club's fortunes in the Northern competitions fluctuated over the next decade as the game's popularity ebbed and flowed. It reached an all-time low, according to records, shortly after the turn of the century for a number of reasons.

Adamstown suffered along with a number of inner-city clubs as the mining expansion took a large slice of the population, and with it a fair percentage of footballers, 'over the hills' to Heddon Greta, Branxton, Abermain, Weston, Cessnock, and Neath. Club organisation fell into disarray, culminating in a split that saw two poorly-patronised competitions being run, one based in Newcastle and the second at Wallsend. And still without a Sydney outlet neither the Northern nor Sydney officials had forgotten or forgiven the 1895 fiasco — clubs of such standing as Adamstown, West Wallsend, Wallsend and Minmi found it particularly difficult to engender interest in the local games.

It was a leading Adamstown official by the name of 'Dinny' Hamilton who finally broke the ice and won a return to Gardiner Cup competition for the North in 1896.

But the ink was barely dry on the new agreement between Sydney and Newcastle before controversy flared again, once more boiling over from a match involving *Rosebuds*.

Held 3-3 by Balmain in its first round clash, Adamstown looked to have scored a late equaliser in the replay, only to have a goal disallowed.

Pandemonium broke out, the referee

called an early halt to give Balmain a 2-1 win and entry into the second round.

The official was roundly criticised for 'one-sided' rulings in the Sydney press, but this time there was no sympathy at the meeting called by the State body to hear Adamstown's appeal against the decision. At a fiery meeting which "ended abruptly to save a display of fisticuffs", it was decided to ban Adamstown from the 1907 series.

Adamstown appealed again, unsuccessfully, as officialdom stuck by a decision which was roundly criticised in Sydney and the North.

But they were nothing if not inventive at Bryant St in the early 1900's. Not to be denied a parting shot, the Adamstown executive nominated an unknown team for the 1907 Gardiner Cup competition. In essence, the team was Adamstown's first XI controlled by officials from the neighbouring Broadmeadow club and, under Broadmeadow's banner, subsequently brought the State championship to the North.

This did little to arrest the alarming slide of the Northern game, reaching a new low in 1908 when *Rosebud* claimed the local premiership by beating the only other entrant, a second side from Adamstown. *Rosebud* also claimed the Ellis Cup with a 3-2 win over Merewether in the final.

The salvation of the local game came with Adamstown's officially sanctioned return to the Gardiner Cup in 1909. Led by the renowned Bob 'Broly' Elgy, the *Rosebuds* claimed the State championship for the first time beating arch-rival Pyrmont 3-1 in extra time of a replayed final.

The victory was a watershed in the history of both Adamstown and the Northern game. It was "*Rosebud's* finest hour", as reports credit the win, and in the North it sparked unprecedented interest in the round ball game.

For the 1910 season, record entries were received. Five teams contested seniors, five registered in second grade, 13 in third grade, 16 in fourth grade, 10 in a lodge competition and another nine played in Saturday morning schools competition.

Fittingly, Adamstown finished on top by beating Wallsend 2-0 in the final.

But still the game found barriers to further expansion. War of an administrative nature in the North threw soccer into disarray for some seasons at one stage Adamstown fielded only two teams, in fourth grade and under-18's while war of an international nature interrupted almost everything for four years from 1914.

When peace returned, so too did interest in all sporting pursuits, particularly a Northern game now under the leadership of lively secretary Larry Tamlyn, whose enthusiasm was credited with attracting an influx of players and clubs.

Adamstown took time in regaining its footing, making early departures from both the Gardiner and Ellis Cups.

But its attention to developing juniors was to pay a handsome dividend in the 1920's as a team of "locally grown" *Rosebuds* picked up a swag of trophies, including the club's second State championship in 1925.

Among the players who participated in the Gardiner Cup final win over Cessnock were a youngster named Alec Cameron and another known as Gavin 'Massa' Russell, both destined to wear Australian shirts, as did the captain, Peter Doyle.

But administrative bickering once more prevented the *Rosebud* club from fully capitalising on its success.

After 1927, when the club was beaten in the premiership final by Cessnock, Adamstown was one of the clubs caught in the well-documented split between the Northern District British Football Association and the newly-formed State League.

The State League was formed in 1928 as a result of a push from the clubs in the South Maitland coalfields, whose discontent over the conditions of the Gardiner Cup competition was first raised in 1926. It concerned the division of gate receipts among participating clubs, and the stipulation that a match of the day be played each week at Hobart Park, New Lambton.

Since the Coalfields clubs were so strong, it meant they played in these designated matches more often than others. And, they argued, they were not given any worthwhile revenue for their appearances.

The open revolt against the NSW body succeeded, but it caught plenty of clubs in the crossfire. Adamstown was among them.

Adamstown took the conservative stand and remained loyal to the NSW Association, a move that cost the club in terms of both players and prestige.

Among those who departed for the new State League were 'Massa' Russell (who joined Gladesville-Ryde), while *Rosebud's* consolation for keeping the faith was participation in series where gate receipts were very poor and administration almost non-existent.

TYRRELL'S



VINEYARDS



Tyrrell's Vineyards are proud to be associated with Adamstown Rosebuds Soccer Club in this their Centenary Year, and we wish all players and officials the very best for the 1989 Season.

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THE PREMIER WINES FOR ALL OCCASIONS

The last straw was Adamstown's loss to New Lambton in the local premierships final.

Adamstown applied to join the State League the following year and, given sound support from the Coalfields clubs already involved, won inclusion ahead of other loyalists in the area such as New Lambton and West Wallsend.

It sparked a rush to sign players from those Northern clubs omitted, and left Adamstown with Westy's three C's *Frank* and *Bill Coolahan*, and *Clarrie Coutts* as well as 'Massa' *Russell*, who returned home to *Rosebuds* to thump in 39 goals for the 1929 season, a club record at the time.

Not surprisingly, Adamstown carried all before it in 1930, when it picked up the premierships, the State Cup and the local Robinson Cup.

The team earned a reputation as the greatest club side ever produced, and it is difficult to argue with records that show nine of the *Rosebud* first XI having won either State or Australian caps in an era

when the North regularly provided more than half of the national team.

But there have never been periods in the club's history that have caught the imagination as strongly as the 1930 vintage.

Four years later, Adamstown annexed the State League premierships for a second time and backed up in 1935 fielding a team to which *Bill Coolahan* and the *Leeden brothers*, *Jack* and *Bill*, had returned with another win in the State League final, a feat helped no end by a hat trick from *Bill Ledden*.

Ledden had graduated to the Adamstown senior side in 1931 after a promising career in juniors, starting a family association with the club that would see four brothers (*Ken*, *Ron*, *Jack* and *Bill*) chalk up a total of 707 first grade games for the club. *Bill* also moved into administration in later years, serving six terms as president from 1956 to 1961.

Adamstown turned into the 1940's without adding to its '34'35 premierships double, but it had ample compensation

from victories in the local competitions as well as the distinction of fielding a team that still contained several Australian representatives.

Although he was an adopted son, *Bill Coolahan* was wearing Adamstown's colours in 1937 when he was named captain of the Australian team for the first two Tests against the touring English Amateurs, a series in which goalkeeper *Bill Morgan* was also involved. The honour capped a remarkable rise for *Morgan*, who had switched from a promising schoolboy rugby league career to make his mark on the soccer field.

They joined a distinguished list of players to have won international honours from the *Rosebud* ranks. At this time, it included *Peter Doyle*, the club's first Australian representative, *Alex Cameron* (lost to the 1937 series because of injury), 'Massa' *Russell* and *Herb Robertson*, an acquisition from Sydney who moved to the club in 1930.

Changes on and off the field, the largest of them World War II, threw Adamstown's march on the various premierships and Cups out of step until the late 1940's, when the club received a much-needed lift by winning the Daniels Cup for the first time in 1946.

It ended a frustrating period for the *Rosebuds*, whose losses hit the club on two fronts. On the field they showed up in disappointing season records third, fourth, second, 10th, third, fourth and second in State League premierships from 1940-47.

Off the pitch, a number of quality players departed, the most deeply felt the transfer of *Bill Coolahan* (to Lake Macquarie) in 1943 and the subsequent retirement of *Billy Morgan*.

But the resurgence of the late 1940's was led by another crop of "locally grown" youngsters such as *Dave Coote*, *Alan Johns* and *Dave Williams* (who appears elsewhere in this book as president of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation), and a centre forward named *Jock Walker*.

Walker's prolific scoring was the talk of the 'Town. He grabbed 41 in his first season (1947, when Adamstown finished second in the Northern section of the State League), 24 in 1948 as Adamstown swept to League victory, and a record 61 (45 in the 22 league games) in 1949 when *Rosebuds* finished runner-up in a competition that once more switched to a Statewide series.

Walker was one of a number of rising stars in the Adamstown team, however. The era also year also ushered in *Allan Johns*, who was chosen for five Tests against Yugoslavia in 1949 after regular NSW appearances, and *Dave Coote*, who won two 'caps' in Tests against South Africa in 1946. *Johns*, *Coote*, *Doug Wendt*, *Dave Williams*, *Ernie Screen* and *Walker* were all Adamstown players who represented the State and the North during the late 1940's.

So it continued with regular representative call-ups but irregular successes in State League and the various Cup com-

petitions until the early 1960's when the sleeping giant at Bryant St gave notice of its impending return to the top.

Having won the 1962 Northern NSW premierships under the guidance of former Charlton Athletic player *Tommy Dawson*, Adamstown continued to keep pace with the premierships leaders in 1963, finally dipping out of the semi-final race (on goal difference) after finishing fourth.

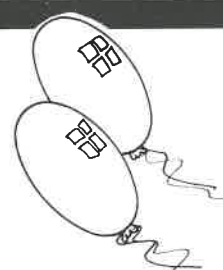
It was also a beaten finalist in both the Daniels Cup and the recently-instituted Craven A Cup, and suffered similar frustration in 1964 when ex-Leeds United player *Bobby Cameron* brought his "no substitute for hard work" philosophy to the club. *Rosebud* was again tipped out of the top four on goal difference after finishing in joint fourth place with Wallsend.

But as was the case in earlier crises at Adamstown, the club's carefully nurtured junior talent, coupled with *Cameron's* coaching nous, lifted Adamstown back to the No 1 spot in dramatic style.

In 1965 Adamstown announced the



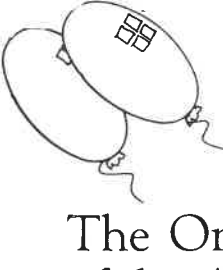
Adamstown 1909 (Undefeated Premiers) Gardiner Cup Winners.
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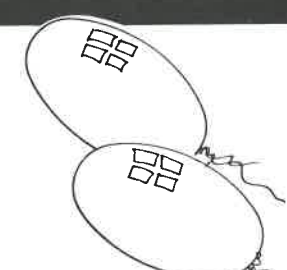
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then revolutionary move of sending its most promising juniors to England, where they would spend time with the famous Manchester United club.

Given financial assistance from the *Rosebud* licensed club, Adamstown was able to offer six-month scholarships to a 20-year-old named *Doug Johns* and 18-year-olds *Ray Baartz* and *Col 'Bunny' Curran*.

Such was the depth of talent available to Cameron, that Adamstown was able to regain the Daniels Cup (by beating *Awaba* 5-2) as well as finish second to *Wallsend* on the premiership ladder without *Baartz*, who had been offered an extended stay at *Old Trafford*.

In the grand final between the two arch-rivals, more than 6000 saw *Wallsend* avenge a semi-final loss to the *Rosebuds* by claiming the playoff 3-1.

Rosebuds bounced back to claim the premiership-grand final double in 1966, *Baartz* repaying the club for its investment by providing the two goals in Adam-

stown's grand final win over *Newcastle Austral*.

The bubble burst slightly the following year, Adamstown suffered its biggest loss of the 1960's before the premiership proper had kicked off when it failed to match an offer made to *Baartz*, back after a total of 18 months with *Manchester United*, by the free spending *Hakoah* club in *Sydney*.

While the club was anxious to keep its blossoming young talent at any cost, Adamstown was unable to top *Hakoah's* \$5600 transfer fee, a Northern NSW record at the time. *Baartz* departed on March 1, 1967, to start a career in *Sydney* that would ultimately lead him to more than 50 Australian appearances.

Bobby Cameron did his best to plug the gaps, bringing another talented youngster named *Johnny Doyle* into the lineup and relying on the ability of such players as *Peter Fairleigh*, *Chris Elkovitch* and *Ray Howells*, and a kid called *'Bunny' Curran*, who had also tasted life at *Manchester's*

Old Trafford.

In the wake of *Baartz's* departure, sixth place in the premiership and early exits from both the Daniels and Craven A Cups might have been expected.

But it proved to be the calm before the storm. Things clicked in 1968 when the *Rosebud* first XI marched through the premiership in a manner that left many of the club's long-term supporters whispering comparisons with the 1930 champions.

Adamstown had signed a goalscoring centre forward named *Ken Whitmore* from arch-rival *Wallsend*, goalkeeper *Jom Dorman* returned to the club after a stint in *Sydney* while further young talent such as *Trevor Smythe* and *Col Peattie* stepped into the senior squad.

In the end, it all proved too much for *Rosebud's* opposition. Adamstown collected the premiership-grand final-Daniels Cup treble, and also picked up the club championship trophy.



Major Premiers & Daniels Cup Finalist 1958

Back Row: (Left to Right) — Mr. J. Ryan (Secretary), Mr. S. Waddingham (Assist. Sec.), C. Moore, R. Holt, W. Mullen C. Allanson, Mr. R. Maxwell (Trainer), Mr. J. (Ambulance Man).

Middle Row: (Left to Right) — Mr. D. Ferrier (Manager), S. Kitching, M. W. Leddon (President), A. Johnms (Capt. Coach), C. Nicholls (Vice Capt.), W. Cook, M. McLean (Treasurer).

Front Row: (left to Right) — M. Hamilton, C. Newton, W. Mahoney, R. Dobbins, K. Waddingham. Mascot: Colin Newton.

In a true test of a champion team's ability, *Rosebud* won the chance to play in the grand final only after surviving replays in both its semi-final and the preliminary final. Its 4-2 win over *Lake Macquarie* in the season's grand final attracted a record 12,216.

The season's work opened a number of doors to the Adamstown side, one of them entree as the region's representative in the international fixture against *Fiji*. *Rosebud* duly won 5-1.

Bob Cameron's departure for *Newcastle Austral* in 1969 left new player-coach *Ron Giles* a mammoth task. The son of *Wilf 'Woofa' Giles*, who rose to prominence from the *Rosebud* patch in the late 1930's and early 1940's. *Ron* inherited much of his father's ability.

A measure of his worth as a player was his graduation to Northern, NSW and Australian teams, and a gauge of his value as a leader of men was Adamstown's third place on the '69 premiership ladder as well as retaining the Daniels Cup.

Giles, who returned from *South Sydney Croatia* to take up the coaching reins at *Adamstown Oval*, was shrewd enough to realise that halcyon days of 1968 came around all too rarely, as did a combination with as much potential as the all-conquering *Rosebuds*.

He mentioned at the time that he considered the 1968 Adamstown outfit superior to all but the mighty *Hakoah* and *Apia* clubs in *Sydney*.

Giles led the club's premiership challenge in exemplary fashion, taking the side to third place on the ladder and a semi-final encounter with *Weston*, which *Weston* won 3-2 in a replay before going on to find *Cameron's* new outfit at *Newcastle Austral* too strong in the grand final. Adamstown finished the year, however, by successfully defending the Daniels Cup.

The 1969 season was notable for other reasons. It was the year in which the battle lines for a two-club 'war' between Adamstown and *Weston* were drawn up. Encounters between the two Northern giants would grab many of the headlines over the following decade.

The Coalfields' resurgence as a force in Northern soccer coincided with *Weston's* decision to forage in *Scotland* for recruits capable of taking the *Bears* to the top, and the first steps in its return as a force in Northern soccer came in 1969.

Adamstown-Weston grand finals assumed tremendous importance as the 1970's ticked by. *Weston* held all the aces from 1971-74, winning each of them, before *Bill Paddock* brought out the best in

Adamstown to collect a double in 1975-76.

Like the 1968 champions, the Adamstown team was a mixture of youth and experience which boasted a quality mid-field of *Trevor Smythe*, *Dennis Wright*, an 18-year-old named *Joe Senkalski* whose silken skills would eventually give him senior Australian recognition, and a devastating frontrunning combination of *Kevin Lagerstrom* and *Graham Bull*.

Adamstown won the 1975 premiership before toppling the *Bears* in the playoff to collect yet another double, and defended both of those crowns in 1976. The grand final was an epic tussle at *Crystal Palace*, a stage which *Senkalski* used to produce one of his best games for the *Rosebuds*.

It was a last hurrah for *Senkalski* who, like *Baartz*, *Doyle* and *Curran* before him, would soon move to *Sydney* in search of a brighter footballing future.

He departed the following year to try his luck in the newly-formed National Soccer League with *Sydney Olympic* before public demand forced his return in 1979 to the fledgling NSL club *Newcastle KB United*.

By a bizarre twist of fate, *Senkalski* returned to Adamstown Oval in 1984 as captain of a struggling *Newcastle Rosebud United* side, which had taken over early in the season when *Newcastle KB United* folded.

The team rose from *KB United's* ashes through the generous support of the Adamstown *Rosebud* licensed club, and

provided an instant return on the considerable investment.

Senkalski, installed as captain by coach-elect *Willie Gallagher*, led his gallant band of players into the final of the National Cup knockout and on to the winner's dais at *Melbourne's Olympic Park* after beating massive odds, and *Melbourne Croatia* (1-0).

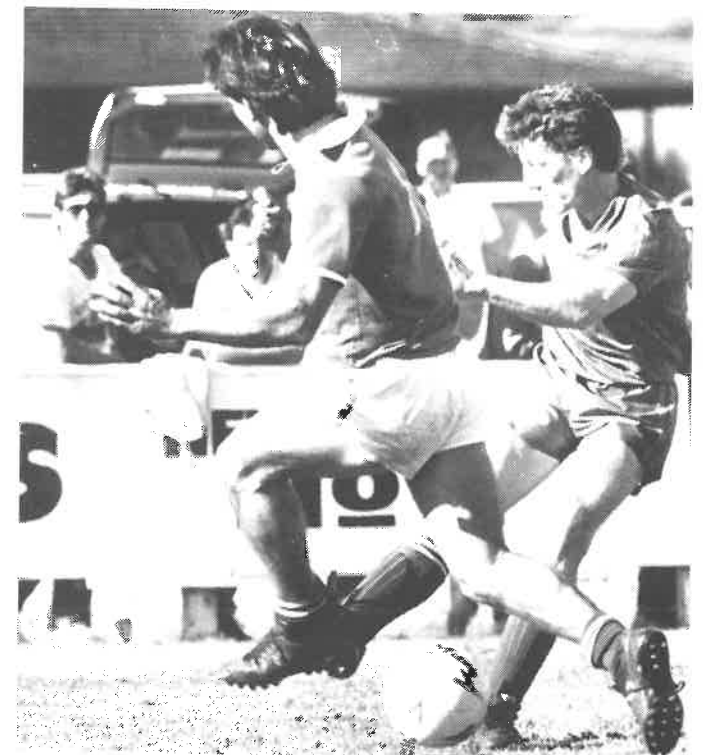
Weeks later, the clubs Youth team complemented the victory by beating *Marconi* on *Adamstown Oval* to collect the National Youth Cup final.

As Adamstown *Rosebud* moves into its centenary celebrations this year, it is more than appropriate that the club does so as the pacesetter of the Northern NSW soccer sphere.

Coach *Neville Power* and his squad, which is one of the strongest outfits assembled in the North since the heavy mid 1970's have their eyes firmly fixed on a hat trick of first division premierships after annexing the 1987 and 1988 crowns with a minimum of fuss.

Breaking the grand final drought is another of *Power's* goals, after two heart-breaking attempts at clinching the double. No-one from *Bryant St* will forget the 1987 decider, when Adamstown lost 3-2 to *Austral* after leading 2-0 at half time.

After correcting that imbalance, according to the long-term plans of the club's officials, the time may be ripe to look south once more and, in tradition of their footballing forefathers, twist the tails of a few *Sydney* rivals.



West Wallsend V Adamstown Semi-Final Austral Park 1988.



1930 Adamstown (State Premiers Inter. City)
Back Row: A.J. Harris, W. Morgan, H.C. Watt, H. Adams (Trn) J. Hanlon.
Middle Row: W. Coolahan, C. Coutts, F. Coolahan, L.M. Turnbull
Front Row: V. Turnbull, A.B. Cameron, G. Russell, R. Harley (Mascot) J. Bush, C. Connelly A. Dunne.



1989 TEAM MEMBERS

BACK ROW: Neville Power, John McQuarrie, Peter Winsor, Andy Stankovic, David Bock, Warren Davies, Bob Gray.
MIDDLE ROW: Wayne Webb, Glen Chapman, Steve Dorman, Brett Gemmell, Scott Dorman.
FRONT ROW: Mark Ryan, Ross Wells, Mark Smith.

IN FULL BLOOM The club's golden eras. 1925-1930 STATE CHAMPIONS

The debate still rages today about the best team Adamstown has managed to put on the field.

And while it is impossible to compare players of different eras, the reverence with which long-time supporters of Northern football speak about Adamstown's Gardiner Cup-winning combinations in 1925 and 1930 suggests that those teams would have taken a power of stopping in any company.

Proof of the teams' ability stands in the record books. The rosebud sides tackled Sydney opposition, the rigours of travel (not fully comprehended in these days of tollways and computer chip motoring), and major economic hardship, successfully enough to help shift the balance of power in NSW football from Sydney to Newcastle.

The club's glory days started in 1925 when the team finished runner-up in the Northern premiership, picked up the local Kerr Cup, and then capped a tremendous season with a 2-0 victory over Cessnock in the Gardiner Cup final to clinch the state championship for the second time in *Rosebud* history.

The glowing tributes that followed the Gardiner Cup success — one report described Adamstown as 'the greatest team in the Commonwealth' — partially hid the fact that Adamstown had climbed to the top with what was essentially a 'home-grown' crop of *Rosebuds*.

The team that won the final included Alfie Smith, Arch Harris, Art Lambert, Lawson Bailey, Jack Bush, Peter Doyle (captain), Harold Johns, Alec Cameron, Gavin Russell, Dave McAlister, Allan Dunne, Vince Turnbull, Herb Dent and Dan Bush.

Of the twelve that played the final against Cessnock, eleven played as juniors with Adamstown and still lived within half a mile of the home ground. The only exception was Lawson Bailey, who was from Dudley. And seven of the side were chosen for the North against the powerful touring English professionals in the same season. Harris, Lambert, Doyle, who was to win the man-of-the-match award, Bailey, Johns, Cameron and Dunne all represented at the sports ground.

The *Rosebuds* were unable to repeat their State championship success, however, until the 1930 season when the club assembled what is generally regarded as a superior team to the 1925 competition, one that is

arguably the best club team put together in the North.

In the year that followed the 1928 split between the NSW Association and the more itinerant of the State championship clubs, Adamstown regained 'Massa' Russell after he'd spent a year in the new State League with Gladesville-Ryde, and signed from West Wallsend three giants from the local scene in *Clarrie Coutts*, *Bill and Frank Coolahan*. Unlike Adamstown, West Wallsend had been unable to win a spot in the new competition in the ballot for 1929 inclusions.

On top of this, Adamstown's representative goalkeeper *Bill Morgan* started the season fully fit and an Australian representative winger from Sydney by the name of *Herb Robertson*, known among his team mates as 'Tin Hare' for his blistering pace, also came north.

The team looked unbeatable, and so it proved. Led by *Coutts*, one of the best centre-halves the game has produced, Adamstown ground through a particularly difficult campaign to claim the Northern premiership.

It won in the end with 40 points from its 26 matches, scoring a mammoth 111 goals and stringing together 13 home wins in succession on the way to the championships.

In the state competition, Adamstown accounted for local rivals Weston (3-2) and Wallsend (1-0) before winning its semi-final against Metters by 2-0.

As it had in 1925, Cessnock once more stood between Adamstown and the State Cup victory. In the final played at Weston, *Rosebuds* lifted the Cup after a titanic struggle by winning 2-0, the same scoreline which had brought the Cup north five years earlier.

The team duly completed the treble by picking up the locally-based Robinson Cup, hammering Speers Point 9-2 in the final. *Russell* created a Cup scoring record on the way to the winners dais by thumping home five of his teams goals.

Russell finished the season with 28 goals, short of his 39-goal effort the previous season, but then there was considerably more opposition within the *Rosebud* XI for the chances that fell in front of opposing goals. *Alec Cameron* was three goals behind *Russell* on the final tally, while *Robertson* contributed 24 from the winger's role.

The national and state selectors were quick to recognise Adamstown's true worth in that memorable march through the 1930 season. On the way to picking up the treble, no less than nine of the starting XI were handed either NSW or Australian shirts.

The role of honour for the season was *Bill Morgan*, *Arch Harris*, *Claude Watt*, *Frank Coolahan*, *Clarrie Coutts*, *Vince Turnbull*, *Alec Cameron*, 'Massa' *Russell*, *Jack Bush*, *Herb Robertson*, *Allan Dunne*, *Nipper Connolly*, *Frank Garaty* and *Lance Turnbull*.

The halcyon days lasted all too briefly. The *Coolahans* and *Coutts* returned to West Wallsend the following year, although by the end of the 1931 season they may have rued the part they played in re-awakening the Adamstown giant.

Drawn to meet West Wallsend in the 1931 Robinson Cup final, Adamstown showed no compassion whatsoever for their three former teammates. *Rosebud* won the match 4-3.



Bill Morgan



Bill Ledden

1968

When put into proper perspective, the deeds of the 1968 side rival those of the 1930 combination that lifted Adamstown to the top of football in the North as well as Sydney.

Given the handicaps the 1968 team was asked to overcome, it could have been excused for finishing among the premierships also-rans.

After all, it wasn't possible to completely, or quickly, recover from the shock of losing dynamic midfielder Ray Baartz, who joined Sydney giant Hakoah for the 1967 season on a record \$5600 transfer fee.

Coupled with the loss of another stalwart, Arthur Brady, after the disappointing 1967 season, it left coach Bobby Cameron with a fair piece of reconstruction work when the players assembled for the start of the 1968 premiership.

But it has never paid to underestimate the Rosebud fighting spirit. And so it proved again as Adamstown bucked the odds to blaze a successful trail through the competition.

Bolstered by the signing of Wallsend's goalscoring ace Ken Whitmore and the return from Sydney of goalkeeper Jim Dorman, Cameron felt he had the players capable of righting the ship, if not reviving memories of the club's glory days.

Whitmore provided Adamstown with an instant return on its investment. He started his career on Adamstown Oval with a hat trick in the team's 6-0 win over Newcastle Austral, setting the trend for his 28-goal contribution to the Adamstown cause.

Behind and beside him Cameron moulded an awesome combination which included Col Curran and Johnny Doyle, Peter Fairleigh, Terry Dobson, Trevor Smythe, Ray Howells, Doug Johns and a fearless tackler known as Col Peattie.

Adamstown marched through the first of its goals, the premiership, with just three hiccups. One was a 4-1 loss to Weston on Weston Park, a slip away from home that was not altogether unexpected; the other two were results that did not augur well for the immediate future.

Adamstown failed to handle Belmont-Swansea, ironically spearheaded by Adamstown defectors Kerry Pearson and Wayne Brough, either at home or away. The Belswans won 4-1 on Adamstown Oval and 5-3 at Blacksmiths, where a Whitmore hat trick still wasn't enough to break the hoodoo.

It dwelt on the players' minds as the next showdown — in the preliminary final —



Adamstown 1968 Minor and Major Premiers.
Back Row: A. Watkins (Asst Coach) T. Watkins, G. Cummings, G. Turrell, C. Manuel, D. Johns, B. Arratoon, K. McVicar (Trn)
Seated: G. Ball, S. Dalrymple, J. Ryan (Pres) C. Jones (Cpt) R. Cameron (Coach) E. Howell, J. Sinclair.
Absent: L. Bennis, H. Dobson (Mgr) M. Talbot (Sec. Mgr)

drew nearer.

Beaten in a major semi-final replay by Lake Macquarie, the Belswans had a perfect opportunity to cash in on any psychological advantage they scored in the home-and-away rounds.

But by the end of an epic 90 minutes the teams shared a 3-3 scoreline, the lead having changed three times before a Curran drive late in the match forced the replay.

Adamstown finally got the better of the Belswans in the midweek replay at Crystal Palace, where Whitmore, playing on familiar turf, collected four goals in the Rosebuds' 5-1 victory.

The drama wasn't entirely over, however, since the whistle to end the match had hardly faded before the club became embroiled with Lake Macquarie in the infamous dispute over colours for the grand final. Neither Adamstown nor Lake Macquarie was prepared to play in an alternate strip, forcing the Northern NSW Soccer Federation executive to order both teams to change. Out came the Manchester-United strip given to the Adamstown club by Sir Matt Busby, while Lake Macquarie wore the black and white strip of Weston.

Adamstown may have looked slightly different on the field, but the team's footballing makeup remained as positive as always.

Toughened rather than weakened by four playoffs in a fortnight, Adamstown went on to claim the grand final 4-2. A record crowd of 12,216 at Macquarie Field,

Speers Point, saw Ken Whitmore provide his by now customary signature, another hat trick.

Two more trophies would find their way back to Bryant St before the final whistle in the 1968 season. One was the locally-played Daniels Cup, in which Adamstown fought through to set up a grand final replay with Lake Macquarie with victories over Weston (4-1), New Lambton (4-3) and Newcastle Austral (1-0).

The Rosebuds secured the treble with a 5-0 win over Lake Macquarie. The coupe de grace in one of the most successful club efforts in the years after World War II came a week after the grand final win when Adamstown, representing the North, scored a 5-1 win over Fiji on Macquarie Field. It was one of the only two defeats by the Fijians on their tour of Australia.

Bobby Cameron left Adamstown to take up the challenge at Newcastle Austral the following year — he was to guide that club to the '69 grand final — ending a four-year era that made a lasting impression. His successor at Adamstown was Ron Giles, returning from a stint with South Sydney Croatia, put the '68 achievements into better perspective, however.

The Australian representative regarded only two clubs — Sydney giants Hakoah and Apia — as better than the Rosebud team that clinched Northern soccer's grand slam.

1975-76

As a coach, Bill Paddock had that indefinable quality which allowed him to get the best out of a player. It was something that helped give the club its Premiership-grand final-winning doubles of 1975-76, and one of the things that launched a number of players on distinguished senior careers, Joe Senkalski among them.

Paddock arrived at Adamstown for the 1975 season confronted with a problem that wasn't entirely new for the Rosebud club of the early 1970's.

It had as usual, a marvellous array of talent available. But despite regular playoff appearances the club had failed to collect the game's tangible rewards, in particular the grand final wins which, in Australian sporting parlance, relate to major premierships.

Even more galling for the club's faithful in 1975 was the spectre of yet another end-of-season showdown with Weston, the Coalfields Bears whose claws had been

sharpened considerably by some shrewd recruiting from England and Scotland that brought the likes of Allan Cooper, John Bond, Kerr McLerie and Jim Sloan to the North. It was Weston who had conquered Adamstown in both the 1973 and 1974 playoffs.

But Paddock was unfazed by all this on the eve of his coaching appointment. A member of a football family that strode tall on Northern fields, he took the challenge in his stride.

His immunity to pressure was hardly surprising: his father, Roy, played in 298 fixtures for Wallsend, Kurri Kurri and Aberdare, while Bill himself reached a total of 351 games for Wallsend and Cardiff during a career that also brought an Australian cap.

He also had at his disposal Adamstown teams that were a judicious mixture of youth and experience. Alongside such stalwarts as Trevor Smythe, Dennis Wright, Jim Foley and Kevin Lagerstrom were up-and-coming stars such as Graham Bull (recruited from Lake Macquarie), and local

products such as Brett Davis, Peter Jaye, Graham Hills, Mark Smith and a fleet-footed winger named Graham Jennings who would go on to win caps at Australian Youth and senior level.

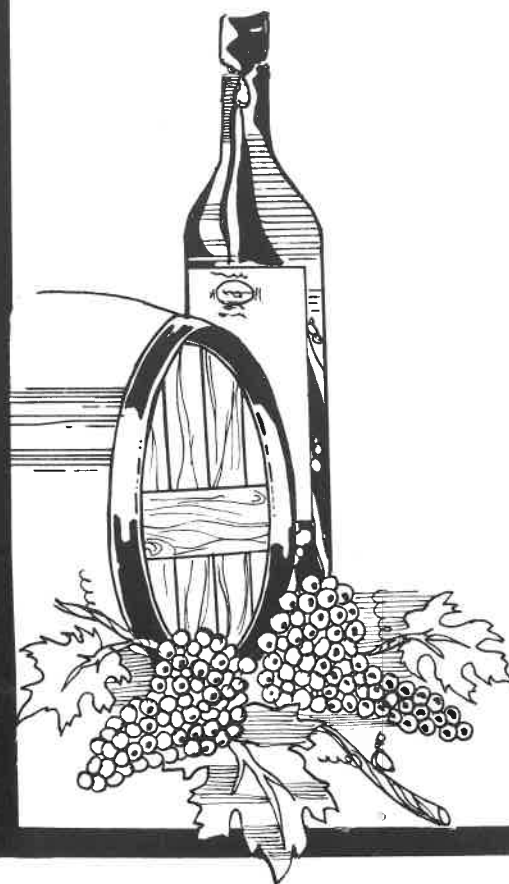
And, of course, there was an enigmatic mid-fielder, Joe Senkalski, who had the football world at his feet after his first season success in 1974.

Adamstown duly took the 1975 premiership, helped no end by a striking combination Bull-Lagerstrom-Senkalski that contributed 63 of the team's 89 goals. Bull scored 30, Lagerstrom scored 17 and Senkalski 16. But it struck its usual end-of-season bogey in the major semi-final where Weston emerged a 3-0 victor. Rosebud bounced back to claim the preliminary final against West Wallsend by 2-1 to set up yet another grand final confrontation with Weston, the perennial nemesis.

The match ended in a 1-1 draw, thanks to some superb goalkeeping from rival custodians Steve Goodbun (Adamstown) and Forbes Wood (Weston) but by half-time in the replay, the Bears could scent an amaz-

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ing fifth successive grand final victory, such was their dominance.

Those who thought Adamstown would be left with a hat trick of runners-up medals, however, underestimated *Paddock's* players. The *Rosebuds* rallied in the second term to produce the matchwinning goal, a glorious diving header from *Jim Foley* that clinched the long-awaited double for *Rosebuds*.

It was only fitting that *Foley* should provide the winner in a 2-1 scoreline, since he had scored the second-half equaliser a week earlier that kept alive Adamstown's hopes of clinching the premiership-grand final double.

The club's player depth enabled Adamstown to successfully defend both titles the following year.

Skipper *Dennis Wright* announced his retirement; in stepped the equally-experienced *Trevor Smythe* as his replacement, and the *Rosebud* machine hardly missed a beat, helped too by the return of a defender named *Col Curran* after an eight-year stint in Sydney football.

It ran out premiership winner on goal difference ahead of Wallsend, helped again by *Senkalski* (21 goals), *Bull* (15) and *Lagerstrom* (10) and then met the Red Devils in the decider after winning 1-0 in the major semi-final between the two clubs.

Rosebuds won the game handsomely, 3-0, riding home on a scintillating exhibition of skills from *Joe Senkalski* which was later described as the classiest big-match display seen in years. It is still recalled with admiration today, although the fact that it was

Adamstown's last 'major premiership' may colour the memories somewhat.

It was, nonetheless, a splendid farewell performance from the midfielder, who signed the following season for Sydney Olympic to taste the inaugural season of National League football (known then as the Phillips Soccer League).

He scored two goals and created the third for *Peter Jaye*, giving his coach a parting gift that was only too-appropriate. *Paddock* himself stepped down from the coaching job after the grand final.

1984

In the confusion caused by the collapse of Newcastle's National Soccer League flagship, Newcastle KB United, and the formation of its successor, *Newcastle Rosebud United*, sheer survival was as much as most observers dared to ask of the new team.

And when *Rosebud United* returned from its first official NSL outing — an 8-1 hammering by league leader Sydney City — the prophets that spelt doom for the fledgling club seemed spot on.

But the players who were given a second chance at National League level by the Adamstown club responded magnificently, some would say unbelievably, to the challenge.

Led by coach *Willie Gallagher* off the field, and on it by the mercurial *Joe Senkalski*, the *Rosebud United* team set about retrieving lost points and pride in startling fashion.

The recovery work was most dramatic in the National Cup competition, a knock-out formerly known as the Phillips Cup in which Newcastle's best previous performance was a semi-final loss.

Rosebud United was given no chance in the Cup. Fighting legal battles off the field and far more experienced opponents on it, the new club had already conceded 20 goals in losing its first five NSL matches by the time the Cup-ties rolled around.

But *Rosebud United* turned the corner in the first phase of the Cup, a round-robin affair, when it qualified for the quarter-finals with two wins out of three preliminary matches.

Spurred on by the vagaries of the subsequent Cup draw, which gave *Rosebud United* the chance to square accounts with Sydney City in a quarter-final on Adamstown Oval, the team surged through to the semi-finals by beating the Sydney bogy team 3-0.

A virtuoso performance from skipper *Senkalski* at St George Stadium in the semi-final put United into the final with 2-0 win over Leichhardt, an astounding victory recorded in the face of increasing pressure over finances and player clearance wrangles involving the release of most players from KB to *Rosebud United*.

It left many wondering if *Gallagher* could take his players over the final threshold and into NSL history to complete the final chapter in the fairytale. Many thought the task beyond the coach and his gallant squad, especially when the NSL decided to stage the playoff in Melbourne after initially courting *Rosebud United* officials over the possibility of playing the game in Newcastle.

But *Gallagher* preaching a style of professionalism that had nothing to do with money, managed to keep his players' minds on the job successfully enough to have the side in a winning frame of mind by the time they reached Olympic Park, Melbourne, for the September 12 decider against Melbourne Croatia.

And there, in the dressing rooms deep in the bowels of the massive stadium, he found in the match program published by United's opponents a theme tailor-made for his final address to the squad.

"Who are the *Rosebuds* and where do they come from?" screamed the program.

It was the final straw for a loyal band who considered they had been given nothing but rough treatment since the collapse of KB United. The Cup, as the players later recalled, was won before the ball had been kicked.

By the end of the match, the Australian soccer community knew all there was to know about a fighting outfit from Bryant St. *Rosebud United* won the match 1-0, bringing Newcastle's first NSL trophy back to the city.

Only weeks later *Joe Lanzoni*, the coach who took Adamstown to the 1973 and 1974 first division grand finals, fired up his *Rosebud United Youth* sufficiently to complete the Cups double.

The Youth side beat Marconi 2-1 to clinch the junior version of the National Cup and so round off an astonishing fight-back for a club born in extreme adversity.

In that first year, the *Rosebud United* club operated under management separate to Adamstown *Rosebuds*, even though the two clubs were sharing the same premises.

After the season was completed — United narrowly missed a position in the NSL playoffs, the result of an equally astonishing reversal of fortunes in the premiership proper — the Adamstown *Rosebud* board announced that the two clubs would merge in 1985 and committed \$30,000 to the NSL effort.

The success of the Adamstown season, however, should not merely be measured in terms of National League achievements. Adamstown fielded five teams during 1984, a staggering responsibility, and still managed to finish third in the first division premiership, only two points adrift of premier West Wallsend, despite regular player-drain brought on by call-ups to the NSL team.

Its semi final appearance ended on a sour note, however, as the side bowed out to Weston, again, in controversial circumstances. Having finished level at 0-0 after 90 minutes, the teams went straight to a penalty shootout without playing extra

time, with Weston winning 3-1. It was the first playoff decided by penalties, but the real issue lay in the decision not to allow extra time. It reached farcical proportions when, a day later, the major semi-final was won 2-1 in extra time by West Wallsend.

Penalties, incidentally, played a major part in deciding the grand final. Weston qualified for the decider by winning both its semi-final and preliminary final on penalties and then, after a 0-0 draw at Macquarie Field, claimed the grand final 7-6 on penalties as well.



Graeme Bull in the one all draw grand final against Weston 1975.



Neville Power in action

A CENTURY OF ACHIEVEMENT

YEAR BY YEAR

1889: Founded. Trial games only.
 1890: 7th, Newcastle badge competition.
 1891: 3rd, Newcastle badge competition.
 1892: 2nd, Newcastle badge competition.
 1893: 6th, Newcastle badge competition.
 1894: 1st, Newcastle badge competition; won Ellis Cup.
 1895: 1st, Newcastle badge competition; runner-up Ellis Cup.
 1896: 1st, Newcastle badge competition; won Ellis Cup.
 1897: 3rd, Newcastle badge competition.
 1898: 4th, Newcastle badge competition.
 1899: 2nd, Newcastle badge competition; runner-up Ellis Cup.
 1900: 3rd, Newcastle badge competition; runner-up Ellis Cup.
 1901: Runner-up, Ellis Cup.
 1902: 2nd, Newcastle badge competition; runner-up Ellis Cup.
 1903: 2nd, Newcastle badge competition; won Ellis Cup.
 1904: 2nd, Newcastle badge competition.
 1905: 1st, Newcastle badge competition; won Ellis Cup.
 1906: 1st, Newcastle badge competition.
 1907: 3rd Newcastle Premiership
 1908: Won Ellis Cup.
 1909: Won Gardiner Cup (State championship); won Ellis Cup.
 1910: 1st Newcastle Premiership, won Ellis Cup.
 1911: 3rd, Newcastle Premiership.
 1912: 3rd, Newcastle premiership.
 1913: War Time Entries.
 1914-1917: War Time Entries.
 1918: 2nd, Newcastle premiership.
 1919: 2nd, Newcastle premiership.
 1920: 1st, Newcastle premiership.
 1921: 5th, Newcastle premiership.
 1922: 5th, Newcastle premiership.
 1923: 2nd, Newcastle premiership.
 1924: 4th, Newcastle premiership; runner-up Kerr Cup.
 1925: Won Gardiner Cup; 2nd, Newcastle premiership; Won Kerr Cup.
 1926: 2nd, Newcastle premiership; won Kerr Cup.
 1927: 3rd, Newcastle premiership.
 1928: 2nd, "loyalist" Newcastle premiership.
 1929: 4th, State League; won Stevenson Cup.
 1930: 1st, State League; won Robinson Cup; won State Cup.
 1931: 3rd, State League (north); won Robinson Cup.
 1932: 5th, State League (north).
 1933: 3rd, State League (north).
 1934: 1st, State League.
 1935: 1st, State League.
 1936: 2nd, State League.
 1937: 5th, State League.
 1938: 4th, State League.
 1939: 7th, State League. 1940: 3rd, State League.
 1941: 4th, State League.
 1942: 2nd, State League (north).
 1943: 5th, new State League.
 1944: 10th, new State League.
 1945: 3rd, State League (north); runner-up Daniels Cup.
 1946: 4th, State League (north).
 1947: 2nd, State League (north).
 1948: 1st, State League (north).
 1949: 2nd, State League (north).
 1950: 6th, State League.
 1951: 6th, State League; runner-up Daniels Cup.
 1952: 4th, State League (north).
 1953: 9th, State League (north).
 1954: 5th, State League (north).
 1955: 4th, State League (north).
 1956: 3rd, State League (north).
 1957: 5th, State League (north).
 1958: 4th, State League (north) — Major Premiers.
 1959: 3rd, State League (north).
 1960: 6th, State League (north).
 1961: 4th, State League (north).
 1962: 1st, State League (north).
 1963: 5th, Northern Federation; runner-up Craven A Cup; runner-up Daniels Cup.
 1964: 5th, Northern Federation; runner-up Ampol Cup.
 1965: 2nd, Northern Federation.
 1966: 1st, Northern Federation.
 1967: 6th, Northern Federation.
 1968: 1st, Northern Federation; won grand final.
 1969: 3rd, Northern Federation; won Daniels Cup.
 1970: 1st, Northern Federation.
 1971: 3rd, Northern Federation.
 1972: 5th, Northern Federation.
 1973: 2nd, Northern Federation.
 1974: 3rd, Northern Federation.
 1975: 1st, Northern Federation; won grand final.
 1976: 1st, Northern Federation; won grand final.
 1977: 3rd, Northern Federation.
 1978: 3rd, Northern Federation.

1979: 6th, Northern Federation.
 1980: 5th, State League (Northern).
 1981: 5th, State League (Northern).
 1982: 4th, Northern Federation.
 1983: 3rd, Northern Federation.
 1984: 3rd, Northern Federation (Adamstown Rosebud); 6th, National League, northern division (Rosebud United); won National Cup; won National Youth Cup.
 1985: 3rd, Northern Federation (Adamstown Rosebud); last, National Soccer League (Rosebud United).
 1986: 3rd, Northern Federation (Adamstown Rosebud); 6th, National Soccer League (Rosebud United).
 1987: 1st Northern Federation.
 1988: 1st, Northern Federation; won Benchmark Cup.



Ernie (Smoke) Screen - Club Captain 1942-1951

PLAYER PROFILES:



PETER DOYLE

It is only natural that Peter Doyle be remembered in Adamstown's 100th year. He was one of the club's greatest players and started the dynasty of *Rosebud* representatives in Australian XI's by becoming the first Adamstown international and the first from the club to captain a NSW team.

A midfielder who loved pushing forward, Doyle joined the club in 1918 and played his first representative match (against Sydney) in 1919.

He was in the North's team that met Sydney again in 1922 and was then selected in the first Australian team to leave the country's shores, playing in all three Test matches of the team's New Zealand tour.

Doyle played for Australia on his home soil the following season, in which he also represented NSW against Victoria. He was in State teams that played against Canada and Queensland in 1924 and appeared for the North in the team that met the powerful English professionals at Newcastle Showground in 1925, a match in which he was presented with a gold medal for being 'best afield'.

At club level, where Doyle is remembered as a loyal and inspirational captain, he led Adamstown to its second win in the 1925 Gardiner Cup knockout.

When he retired from the field, Doyle remained a prominent *Rosebud*. He played a major part in helping establish the licensed premises in 1956, holding a position on the first finance committee and later becoming trustee.

Goalkeepers in soccer matches these days are generally regarded as being a protected species. Rule changes over the years have seen much of the body contact taken out of the 18-yard area, a facet of the game that continues to draw differing opinion.

One who wouldn't agree with the latter day changes is Gavin 'Massa' Russell, who developed a fearsome reputation as a goalscoring forward in the days when 'keepers were confined to handling the ball in the six-yard area and were open to fair shoulder charges as any other player on the field.

Russell was the scourge of Northern goalkeepers, many of whom were bundled ball and all into the back of the net by vigorous shoulder charges. He was a hard footballer, but a fair one who played within the rules of the game throughout a distinguished career that made him one of the Northern game's legends during the 1920's and 1930's.

Russell was born in Dudley and promoted to the Adamstown senior team in 1924 to start a career in which he would play more than 300 matches — some of them with Gladesville-Ryde, Aberdare and West Wallsend — and score more than 450 goals.

Hints of his goalscoring ability came in

1923 when, as a member of the Adamstown under-18 team, he finished the season with more than 40 goals. Heavy scoring such as that, however, soon became second nature.

In 1929, when he returned to Rosebuds after a State League season with Gladesville-Ryde, Russell proved there was no place like his Adamstown home by hammering in 32 goals (a club record) in 26 matches.

Hat tricks, regarded as something out of the ordinary in these days of defence orientated football, were passed whenever Russell took the field. Twice in the 1930 season Russell recorded five-goal games as Adamstown marched through to the State League premiership, while in 1927 he scored hat tricks in three successive matches against Weston, West Wallsend and China.

Russell played for NSW against China and Czechoslovakia and toured Java with the 1931 Australian team.

When he retired from active football, Russell filled executive positions within the *Rosebud* setup, including team manager, vice president, selector, committeeman and president of the fledgling 'Rosebud House', as the licensed club was known in its infancy.



GAVIN 'MASSA' RUSSELL



ALEC CAMERON

Alec Cameron, a recruit from the north of England, spent more than 50 years with the Adamstown Rosebud club, a period of service in which he built a reputation as an outstanding clubman and exceptional footballer.

He represented at every level available in his day, capping a mighty career with 17 appearances for Australia.

He made his international debut in 1927 against China, played against Czechoslovakia in the same year, and played his final international in New Zealand in 1936, where he captained the team on its unbeaten tour. He contributed to Adamstown's Gardiner Cup (State Championship) wins in 1925 and 1930. Sadly his career was cut short by injury.

Alec Cameron was the supreme artist on the field, a great team player, yet possessed of such remarkable individual skill he often dazzled teammates as well as opponents. Even the staid soccer connoisseurs would yell with delight as he sold dummies to opposing halves and backs, lifting the ball precisely to toe or head of his winger or centre-forward or sweeping it across field from his inside-right position to the far left-winger.

Once he did unleash his own scoring capacity. That was in 1930 when he scored his side's five goals against Canterbury. It was an out of - character flash of defiance - almost a demonstration of "See, I can do it if I want to". He was much too dedicated a teamman, too modest a person to want to hog all the glory.

His playing days ended, Alec Cameron threw his efforts behind his old club. A leading light in the formation of the Adamstown Rosebuds licenced club, of which he became a trustee and finance committee member, he also gave great service to the Adamstown Soccer Club. His father had been its President in 1923-24, his brother Jimmy Secretary in 1925-26-27. He followed as President from 1949 to 1953. He was the club's delegate to the controlling body, then a State Association director and a NSW selector.



HAROLD, ALLAN and DOUG JOHNS

The Johns dynasty at Adamstown Rosebud is one that has few peers in Northern football, if not in Australia. The three players, spanning more than half-century of football, were among the best of their time.

Harold started the dynasty in the 1920's when he first fought through to the powerful Adamstown senior side, culminating in an appearance for the Newcastle XI against England in 1925.

His son, Allan, took up where Harold left off, joining the club from Newcastle Central Technical School, where he was described as "the greatest schoolboy player since (Alec) Cameron".

The description was more than appropriate. Allan Johns went on to win every representative honour available to a young player — as had Cameron — before pushing into the Adamstown first XI in 1943.

Johns played 310 senior games for the Rosebuds before retiring in 1959, capturing his first Australian shirt in 1948 when he toured New Zealand. He played five Tests against Yugoslavia in the following season, toured South Africa in 1950 and two against China in 1953 to complement a domestic representative career that in-

cluded 18 caps for NSW and 15 for the North.

Doug Johns was prominent in Adamstown teams of the 1960's, including the legendary 1968 side that made headlines with its procession through the local competition. He first appeared in the club's first XI statistics in 1963 when, as an 18-year-old, he finished as leading scorer with nine goals.

But for a badly damaged knee, Doug Johns would doubtless have emulated the feats of his brother and father. At 20 he was given the opportunity with Ray Baartz to spend six months with Manchester United.

Allan's two sons, Ian and Paul both played Junior football at Adamstown. Ian went on to play first grade, while an injury to Paul prevented him from reaching senior status.



Harold Johns 1925



RAY BAARTZ

While he wasn't chosen from Adamstown to represent Australia, there is no doubting that his early football education at Rosebud club played a big part in lifting him to a pedestal few in the game's history have enjoyed.

When his career with the socceroos ended, literally chopped down in his prime by a Uruguayan player in the buildup to the 1974 World Cup finals, there was no argument about Baartz's place as king of Australian soccer.

He had played 59 times for his country, held vice-captaincy, and was the vital cog in the Australian team's drive toward Munich and an historic first appearance in the World Cup finals.

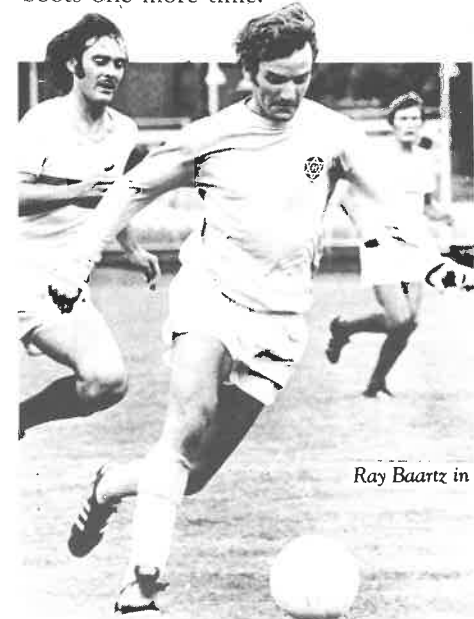
Born in Merewether, Baartz grew up in the soccer stronghold of Adamstown, graduating to the first team by the age of 17 where his performances earned him a scholarship to Manchester United. It was originally a six month trip, extended to two years at the request of the redoubtable Matt Busby.

When he finally returned he had one season with Adamstown before moving to Hakoah in what was then a record \$5600 transfer fee.

His return to Newcastle was in somewhat tragic circumstances. Having reco-

vered from the paralysis caused by a Uruguayan assault during what proved to be his final game for Australia, Baartz put all his energies into his now flourishing sports stores.

He toyed with the idea of making a comeback when he was swept up in Newcastle KB United fever in 1977-78 but, sadly for the North and Australian soccer, resisted the temptation to don the boots one more time.



Ray Baartz in action



COL CURRAN

If Ray Baartz can lay claim to being one of the country's best football products, his 1974 World Cup teammate, Col 'Bunny' Curran is a lay down misere for the title of most popular Australian representative.

Curran remains one of the North's most popular sons years after his retirement from the game, testimony to the wholehearted efforts he produced on the field, whether it be with Adamstown's first XI as a teenager, Newcastle KB United in its National League days, or in the famous green and gold strip.

Adamstown was Curran's second senior football stop on the road to Australian selection. A highly-talented fullback, Curran graduated to Maitland's first team before moving on to Adamstown where, like Baartz, he was offered a six-month scholarship with Manchester United.

He returned to Adamstown, played further football in the North before moving to Marconi on a \$3000 transfer fee, and rejoined Adamstown before making a second move to Sydney, this time to Western Suburbs for \$7000. The move was inevitable, since the Australian selectors had already earmarked the pocket dynamo for the green and gold.

Curran played 35 times for Australia,

including the World Cup finals in Munich, making his last appearance in the team in 1979 when incumbent Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf plucked Curran from Newcastle United's NSL ranks to play New Zealand. Not surprisingly, he was named one of the best on the ground.



Col Curran in action



While he was a product of a West Wall-send soccer machine whose record in State championships exceeds even that of *Adamstown Rosebuds*, for a time Bill Coolahan was the toast of the 'Town.

The half-back, regarded as one of the toughest and best the Northern game has produced, was wearing the red and green strip of Adamstown when the club clinched the 1930 treble of Gardiner Cup-State Cup-Robinson Cup, and also returned for an eight-season stint from 1935 to 1942, during which time he captained Australia against four overseas touring sides in the space of five seasons.

He played senior football for 16 years before retiring after the 1943 season, which he played with Lake Macquarie, his reputation as one of the North's finest intact.

Coolahan led Australia twice in its 2-1 series win against Bernard Joy's Englishmen in 1937, playing in the other Test, and captained teams against India in 1938, Palestine in 1939 and China in 1941. In all, he played 11 times for Australia and many more for both NSW and the North. In all senior matches, he scored 101 goals, a surprising strike rate from the days when a half-back's scoring opportunities were limited.

BILL COOLAHAN



If they chose to be selfish about it, Novocastrians could rejoice in the fact that Joe Senkalski saved his best for his home town. The enigmatic midfielder-cum-striker has served up some delightful memories in Northern football, starting back in 1976 with his grand final-winning solo for Adamstown, and culminating in 1984 when he led *Rosebud United* to victory in the National Cup final.

Yet Senkalski, still regarded as one of, if not the finest player to graduate from Northern football over the past decade, never managed to 'click' in an Australian shirt. He made two appearances in all, and suffered the disappointment of being sent home twice from two overseas tours (to China and New Caledonia) without playing a game.

The high point of his national career was his eye-catching display against Mexico in Melbourne in 1980.

He remains, however, one of Rosebud's favourites in an impressive gallery of Australian representatives. Signed by Sydney Olympic in 1977, Senkalski returned to Newcastle the following year almost by public demand and over subsequent seasons was the subject of repeated calls from the North's soccer faithful to be reinstat-

JOE SENKALSKI

ed in Australian teams. Sadly, the pleas fell on deaf ears.



Joe Senkalski in action

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

Adamstown's Rosebud's list of representatives is almost as weighty a tome as the club's roll of championship wins.

While its honour board, proudly displayed since 1980 in the licensed premises, carries the names of those who reached the pinnacle of their chosen code (Australian representation) when still members of an Adamstown team, the club has been associated with many, many more.

A list of those who have played for both Adamstown and Australia is included below:—

PETER DOYLE: four caps, vs New Zealand 1922, 1923.

LAWSON BAILEY: two caps, vs China 1923, 1927.

ART LAMBERT: two caps, vs Canada 1924, vs England 1925.

ARCH HARRIS: two caps, vs England 1925, vs China 1927.

ALEC CAMERON: 15 caps, vs China 1927, vs Czechoslovakia 1927, vs New Caledonia 1933, vs New Zealand 1933, 1936.

HAROLD ROBERTSON: Four caps, Vs Dutch East Indies, 1928.

GAVIN RUSSELL: Two caps, Vs Java 1931.

CHARLIE O'CONNOR: Eight caps, Vs Dutch East Indies 1928, Java 1931.

BILL COOLAHAN: 11 caps, vs England 1937, vs India 1938, vs Wales, Palestine 1939, vs China 1941.

BILL MORGAN: eight caps, vs England 1937, vs India 1938, vs China 1941.

ALF 'DUCKY' HENWOOD: three caps, vs India 1938, vs Wales 1939.

AUB MASCORD: Two caps, Vs India 1938, China 1941.

GORDON MUNCASTER: two caps, vs China 1941.

VIC BARNETT: one cap, vs China 1941.

DAVE COOTE: two caps, vs South Africa 1947.

ALLAN JOHNS: 15 caps, vs New Zealand 1948, vs Yugoslavia 1949, vs South Africa 1950, vs China 1950.

FRANK PARSONS: fourteen caps, vs New Zealand 1948, Yugoslavia 1949,

South Africa 1950, England 1951.

CYRIL NICHOLLS: one cap, vs South Africa 1950.

DOUG WENDT: Five caps, Vs China 1953.

BILL MAHONEY: three caps, vs China 1953, vs South Africa 1955, vs Ferencvaros 1957.


SPENCER KITCHING: four caps, vs Blackpool 1958.

RON GILES: three caps, vs Cambodia 1965, vs Malaysia 1965, vs Scotland 1967.

RAY BAARTZ: 59 caps, vs Scotland, New Zealand, South Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, Indonesia 1967,

vs Japan 1968, vs Greece, Japan, South Korea, Rhodesia, Israel 1969, vs English FA, Israel 1971, vs Dundee, Wolves, Santos, Indonesia, South Vietnam, South Korea 1972, vs Bulgaria, New Zealand, Iraq, Indonesia, Iran, South Korea, vs Ferencvaros, Auckland, Uruguay 1974.

COL CURRAN: 35 caps, vs New Caledonia, Iran, Israel, Hapoel (Israel), Greece A and B, Luton Town, Mexico, Manchester




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City 1970, vs English FA 1971, vs Iran, South Korea 1973, vs Fernvaros, Auckland, Uruguay, Indonesia, Xmax Neuchatel, East Germany, West Germany, Chile 1974, vs Legia Warsaw (Poland) 1975, vs Kuwait, South Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, Iran 1977, vs New Zealand 1979.

JOHN DOYLE: seven caps, vs New Caledonia, Macoa, Oghab, Tehran, Israel, League of Ireland 1970.

PETER STONE: 15 caps, vs Bologna, Hong Kong 1976, vs Taiwan, Fiji, Middlesborough, Arsenal, Celtic, Kuwait, South Korea, Hong Kong, Korea, Singapore, Iran 1977, vs Greece A and B 1978.

JOE SENKALSKI: two caps, vs Greece 1978, vs Mexico 1980.

GRAHAM JENNINGS: 75 caps (to March, 1989), vs England, Western Australia, Kuala Lumpur, China, Singapore B, Thailand, South Korea 1983, vs China 1984, vs New Zealand, China, Israel, Chinese Taipei, Scotland 1985, vs Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, China 1986, vs New Zealand, Chinese Taipei, Israel 1987, vs New Zealand, Israel, Chinese Taipei, Brazil, Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Yugoslavia, Nigeria, USSR, Fiji 1988, vs Malmo (Sweden), New Zealand, Israel to March, 1989.

JAMES JACKSON: In an unusual way, Jackson could claim to be Adamstown's first Australian 'representative' even though he was never chosen in a national XI. James Jackson joined Adamstown with his brother, Arch (the father of Test cricketer Archie), for the 1891 Badge competition after playing previously with Hamilton Athletic. In fact, he was credited as the youngest player to have taken part in a senior grade game in Australia when, at 13 years and seven months, he played for Hamilton Athletic against Wallsend in 1889. He left Adamstown after 1891 to tackle the English and Scottish Leagues, where he enjoyed a highly successful career with Woolwich Arsenal, Newcastle United and Glasgow Rangers.

Frank Parsons first played football with Adamstown, he went on to win every honour the code could offer, playing for Northern N.S.W., N.S.W. and Australia. In 1948 he scored 7 goals in N.S.W. 11-2 win over Queensland.

He transferred to Leichhardt when he went to learn teaching at the Sydney Teacher's College. Frank was a robust centre forward and in the air he was a real "killer".

Frank toured New Zealand and South Africa on tour in New Zealand he was the leading goal scorer with 26 goals, in international appearances he scored 16 goals.

When he retired Frank was appointed President of N.S.W. Federation and Co-Manager of the Australian tour of Europe in 1971.



Bill Mahoney "Saving another penalty" 1952 NSW v Vic



Gordon "Bunny" Nunn
Bob Laurie
Allan Johns
Reg Date

A Johns Testimonial 1954

ADMINISTRATION

It is perhaps nothing more than happy coincidence that successful sporting teams go hand in hand with competent administrators, yet it happens so that it may be more than chance.

There are many clubs in various codes in the North which have had greatly successful runs in years in which they have had executive officers whose records while in office have been out of the ordinary. One particularly notices this when browsing through Northern soccer history.

Adamstown Rosebud, in the 100 years following its formation on July 12, 1889, has clearly reflected this trend. There are certain periods in club's history where success on the field has gone hand in hand with strong teamwork behind the scenes.

It started in the club's first 10 years when the Rosebuds collected a hat trick of badge competition honours (later to be known as the premiership) in 1894-95-96 as well as taking the Ellis Cup finals of 1894 and 1896, and finishing runner-up in 1895.

The success was unprecedented at the time, but not entirely unexpected given the calibre of players at the club's disposal. They included J. Rayton, W. Waugh, J. Waugh, T. Simmons, W. Wilson and H. Filby. But the role played by the administrators of the fledgling club should not be understated. Adamstown was even then a happy, properly-administered club guided by a competent president in Alderman Alf Edden and a hard-working secretary in George Nicholls, who also took on much of the work in conditioning the players.

The club's second notable period of success — from 1905 to 1910 — brought premiership wins in 1905, 1906 and 1910, and Ellis Cup wins in 1908, 1909 and 1910.

The team also won the highly-prized Gardiner Cup, regarded as the State championship, in 1909 by defeating Pyrmont 3-0 in a replayed final at Sydney Cricket Ground.

It was an Adamstown team of supreme quality, including skipper Bob 'Brolgy' Elgey, Jack Doyle, 'Shivery' Jennings, R.G. Campbell, W. Wallwork and 'Skinner' Maxwell.

But it, too, was handled by a highly competent administration headed by president R.P. Talbot and the renowned 'grand old man of Rosebuds', secretary J.D. 'Dinny' Hamilton.

In fact much of Hamilton's groundwork in fostering junior players laid the foundation for the club's next halcyon era, starting in 1925 when it again won the

Northern premiership and the Gardiner Cup.

It won the Kerr Cup and finished runner-up in the premiership the following season, and finished third in the 1927 premiership.

Hamilton's shrewd recruitment of players brought footballers such as Peter Doyle, Alec Cameron, 'Massa' Russell, Arch Harris, Art Lambert, Lawson Bailey and Artie Johns to the first XI.

And that legacy was very carefully handled by his successors in the administrative posts, former player Jim Cameron in the secretary's chair and Stan Bush and Harry Winley in succeeding terms as president.

When George Smart was elected president in 1930 he was at the helm of quite possibly the best side Adamstown ever fielded, a team that included a trio of imports in the peerless Clarrie Coutts, Bill and Frank Coolahan. Needless to say, Rosebuds won the State championship — dropping only five games in a 26-match season and registering 111 goals on the way to the title. The players backed up to collect the State Cup and the locally-played Robinson Cup.

Smart handed over the presidency to the revered Bob Gardner, who piloted the club through 15 productive seasons before retiring through ill-health. He was assisted during his term as president by three capable secretaries in Harry Sellwood (three terms), Horrie Harrison (six) and Alf Waddingham (six).

During Gardner's years at the top Adamstown won the State League premiership, the State Cup and the Robinson Cup. It was never placed lower than fifth on the premiership ladder.

The success of the 1960's should merely be measured in terms of achievements on the field, even though it was another vintage era for the Rosebud players.

Their lofty position owed a lot to the support given by the licensed club, officially opened in 1958 as the Adamstown Soccer Welfare and Recreation Club and later renamed Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club when it amalgamated with the soccer club in 1962.

Teamwork behind the scenes by president Jack Ryan, who had earlier served seven terms as secretary between 1958-64, and secretary-manager Max Talbot enabled Rosebuds to maintain a high profile throughout the 1960's. It peaked with an unprecedented 1968 season in which the 'Town picked up the premiership-grand final-Daniels Cup treble, and scored a 5-1 victory over the touring Fijians.

Little has changed at the Rosebud club as it marches through the 1980's and into its second 100 years. Under the steady hand of secretary-manager Pat Clarke, Adamstown has gathered a squad of players without peer in the present first division, proof of which was the club's back-to-back premiership wins in 1987-88.

It certainly bolsters the thought that sound administration is the key which opens the door to playing success.



Jack Ryan



Bob Gardner President 1934-1948

J.D. 'DINNY' HAMILTON

Few, if any, people in the history of Australian sport could be more deserving of the affectionate title of 'grand old man' than Mr J.D. 'Dinny' Hamilton, of Adamstown Rosebud Soccer Club.

He was a member of the club for 66 years and in every one of them served the club in some capacity, from secretary to official program seller. He was also a player of some distinction.

The 18-year-old 'Dinny' Hamilton was the last of the 25 people to arrive at a July 12, 1889, meeting held in the cricket shield at Adamstown Park with the purpose of forming a soccer club.

It was the start of an association with the famous *Rosebuds* — a name he considered the correct choice from the moment it was accepted in August of the same year — that would last until his sad passing in 1955, aged 84.

Hamilton was appointed to official positions within the club from the beginning, and he was never far removed from the administration from then. He became secretary in 1904 and held the position for 20 successive years.

He served with no less than four presidents, all of them influential figures of the early 1900's. One was R.P. Talbot, who stayed seven terms, another was J. Bloomfield, a district schoolmaster who served *Rosebud* for three years, and the last was James Cameron, a member of one of Adamstown's best known soccer families.

'Dinny' Hamilton was a versatile outside left. He was praised by many football scribes and critics, one of whom described him as a "true artist on the field, able to beat defenders by sheer skill and magical trickery. His sidestep and swerve are the best I've seen".

He began in Adamstown's lower grades but his ability soon bridged the gap between his humble beginnings and the top XI in the club. He went on to play for Newcastle in representative matches against Sydney in 1984, 1989 and 1905, and against South Coast in 1898.

He was a durable player who held the astonishing record of not missing a senior match from 1903-06, a considerable achievement in the days when football was played at its toughest.

Hamilton also had a close interest in the development of junior players and had an uncanny ability to unearth a junior who would reach the game's higher levels. These included Peter Doyle, Arte Lambert,

Bob Pollock, Harold Johns, Alec 'Sandy' Cameron, 'Massa Russell, Lawson Baily, Dave McAlister and Arch Harris. They were players nurtured by Hamilton in an era that saw the club rebuild after the 1909 Gardiner Cup win (when several established players left) into the formidable teams of 1925-30.

After he stood down as secretary, Hamilton served the club in many ways. His last task, as would be expected from a club stalwart, was selling match programs.

A remarkable and friendly senior citizen, he is remembered as the good humoured resident who occupied a chair at the entrance gates to Adamstown Oval on match days, handing out smiles and nods of welcome with programs. He was admired, revered.

Adamstown has been fortunate in attracting the services of many loyal and efficient administrators. But none have done more to help the club reach its lofty position than 'Dinny' Hamilton, truly a 'grand old man'.



J.D. 'Dinny' Hamilton



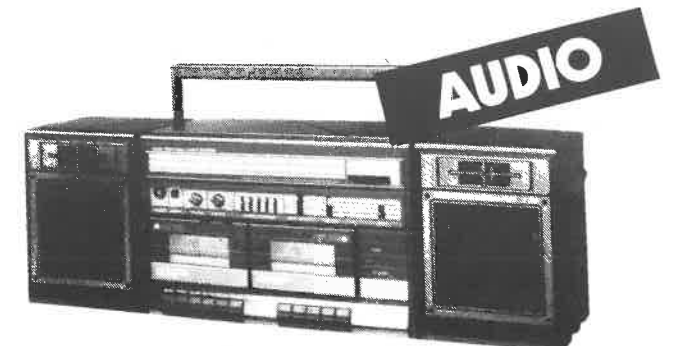
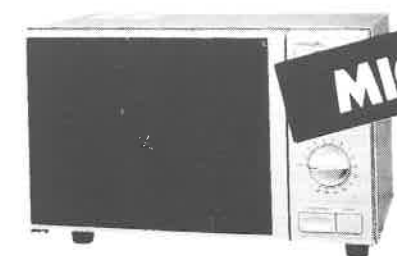
Warren Davies in action.

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ADAMSTOWN ROSEBUD SOCCER CLUB CO-OP LTD THE LICENSED CLUB

A small article published in the August 16, 1958, edition of the Newcastle Morning Herald records the fact that 400 people attended the official opening of the Adamstown Soccer Welfare and Recreation Club.

The report mentions that the original clubhouse, a weatherboard structure measuring 95ft by 40ft and containing a bar and recreational facilities, had cost 12,000 pounds, money that had been raised from functions organised by supporters of the Adamstown Soccer Club.

The premises were opened by Mr George Smith, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, on August 15.

It was the beginning of a new era for the Adamstown soccer fraternity, since it provided the club with sound backing and facilities that would enable the Rosebuds to extend a hand of football friendship to such visiting teams as Cardiff City, Manchester United, Fiji, Brisbane Coalstars, Dundee, Red Star Belgrade, Victoria and Tasmania.

Erecting the clubhouse was the work of a team of volunteers who shared with former players such as 'Massa' Russell and Alec Cameron, and administrators such as Ron Bown and Harry Winley, the vision of establishing a successful licensed club.

The idea first occurred to Russell and Cameron in 1955 as they walked home from a supporters' club meeting.

Progress snowballed after they had mentioned the idea to supporters' club associates. The body had soon secured a provisional licence as well as permission from the Newcastle City Council to incorporate the building in Adamstown park.

The official body was elected in 1956 — Russell was president, Winley secretary — and progress continued steadily until the building was ready for the official opening in 1958.

As with all enterprises starting out, there were slight hiccups along the way.

Jack Ryan, who would become an integral part of the Rosebud development, serving for 11 years as president, recalls a Father's Day celebration in 1962 in the clubhouse that almost ended in tragedy.

The function broke up in the late evening, and the revellers listened in disbelief the following morning as they heard how, in the early hours of the morning, the roof had collapsed. Had it happened any earlier,

Ryan believes lives would almost certainly have been lost.

There were other incidents, one of which almost cost the club its licence. It didn't pertain to loss of lives so much as loss of lingerie.

Among its many other pioneering feats, Adamstown Rosebuds can also lay claim to being one of the first — if not the first — club in the district to stage a striptease act.

But the Sunday morning session in the late 1960's all went awry. The act made front page news in The Newcastle Sun, prompting the then licensing sergeant, Ernie Fairlamb, to request a meeting with Ryan, as president and secretary-manager Max Talbot.

The issue blew over, however, once the club's solicitor, Howard Williams, had spoken to Sgt Fairlamb on behalf of his clients.

The licenced club also gave several performers in a different league a helping with their Australian careers. One of them was a young singer called Kamahl, who made regular appearances in Bryant St when he first started out in the country. Others on-centre stage included 'The Wild One', Johnny O'Keefe, Sandy Scott, and a group called the Bee Gees who at one stage played Friday and Saturday nights for the princely sum of 17 pound 10 shillings.

The premises rocked to a number of in-house celebrations as well, including those of 1965-66 when the Rosebuds finished as club champions of the Northern Federation first division, and again in 1968 as Rosebuds steamrolled through the competition to take a premiership-grand final-Daniels Cup hat trick.

The club made a landmark decision in March, 1962, to amalgamate the soccer body with the licensed club and so break new ground in sporting liaisons. Even today, the majority of football clubs operate as separate bodies to their licensed clubs.

But officials of the two bodies at Adamstown agreed that putting their heads together under one roof was common sense. The only contentious issue, believe it or not, was whether or not the Rosebud name should be incorporated. It was preserved after some debate.

Plans to remodel and renovate the original clubhouse in 1968, however, were lost in a sea of red tape and regulation.

Despite delegations to the then NSW

Premier, Tom Lewis, and submission through all the appropriate channels, the club's directors found it impossible to raise enough money to finance the project on what was leasehold property, as the park was classified.

So they set about buying properties across the road, a costly exercise since the club paid for the existing houses, many of them derelict, and demolished them to make way for progress.

Having replenished a depleted saving account — the club managed to put aside more than \$100,000 for the new premises — the Rosebud directors finally accepted a tender from D.F. McCloy Pty Ltd and plans from Lees Valentine and Associates.

The result was the \$500,000 project which greets members and visitors to this day.

The building was completed in less than six months and, after some unexpected delivery delays for interior fittings, opened for trading on Monday, August 19, 1974. In all, it had taken just eight months to turn a dream into reality.

The official opening was conducted on Wednesday, August 28, by the then president of the Australian Soccer Federation, Sir Arthur George.

Former players and officials returning from out of town for this year's centenary celebrations will instantly recognise customary hospitality inside the premises.

But they will doubtless find myriad of changes once inside the doors, renovations made by the present administration in an effort to function as 'a truly sporting club', as general manager Pat Clarke likes to describe Rosebuds.

On the field, Adamstown Rosebud will always be an active supporter of sport. Apart from its soccer teams, the club's interest have now extended to basketball, netball (both indoor and outdoor), cricket (indoor as well as the conventional game.), tennis, fishing, darts, professional foot running and wood chopping.

But the club has done all in its power to help the passive sports follower, as well.

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SUPPORTER'S VIEW

It has been over the years that *Adamstown Rosebud* is a club that attracts some of the most one-eyed supporters in the North.

But then the *Rosebud* followers, always prominent in green and red, have better reason than most to feel proud of their club. The Adamstown tradition in Northern and NSW football is a long, distinguished career with few peers.

The barracking may become a little more parochial in 1989 as highlights of the club's 100-year history come flooding back, along with a few hundred former players and officials. The fact that the club's senior side will be chasing a third successive first division premiership will doubtless swell chests a little more.

In case you were wondering, the Adamstown supporters have always been a fiercely loyal group.

In the earliest days, premiership wins were greeted with wild enthusiasm, as was the case in 1895 when Adamstown entered the Gardiner cup for the first time.

The sight of four Wallsend recruits in the Sydney Thistles team that played in

that historic first match — the rules of the competition allowed for players of clubs not participating to join those clubs that were involved — brought a shower of eggs and rotten fruit

The team's Badge competition final victory over Minmi Rangers in the same season resulted in a mass invasion of supporters, all eager to cheer their heroes.

Further down the track, there have emerged several characters whose presence at the game was almost as much a feature as the match itself. One was the late *Charlie Cain*, a fierce defender of Adamstown's tradition, whose verbal support for the club was rivalled only by *Min Buckley*, a lady whose defence of the *Rosebud* honour from about the 1930's onward bordered on the legendary.

Min was one-eyed, and proud of it. Those who were prepared to debate a point with the venerable lady did so at their own risk, since she had impeccable aim with a pie!

Bobby Bell was another character whose voice, more than his face, became part of the *Rosebud* legend.

Bell's plaintive call from a strategic spot in the grandstand — "Up the town" — was instantly recognisable and a much-awaited feature of Northern football, particularly when NBN Channel 3 started its outside broadcasts of federation games at Adamstown Oval.

The Sunday night replays were never quite the same without *Bobby's* verbal contributions.

The teams of the 1970's and 1980's have voted *Glen Nolan* 'supporter-of-the-year' for as long as anyone can remember, and with good reason.

Although he's had to overcome more than his share of life's handicaps, nothing has managed to keep *Glen* away from a fixture that has involved his beloved *Rosebuds*. For a character who is a resident at Toronto and who doesn't drive, that's commitment with a capital C.

His proudest day, perhaps, was his on-field contribution to an Adamstown win over Weston in the Northern Soccer Federation's own centenary celebrations in 1984. *Glen* took the field for the closing stages of the match played at Minmi and

duly scored from the penalty spot.

What makes an Adamstown supporter so special?

Ross Greig, a lifetime fan of the *Rosebuds* like his father before him, attempts to provide some of the answers in the following article.

I would love to rekindle just some of the memories that Adamstown has provided football fans with over the past century, but I'll leave that to the record books of much older supporters than myself. Instead, here are some of my better memories to share with you the great teams, players, memorable matches and more from the past 30 years.

The late 1950's for me, are somewhat vague, but I do recall players such as *Bill Mahoney* (goalie) the late *Cyril Nicholls*, *Max "Wacka" Hamilton*, *Robbie Dobbins* and of course, *Allan Johns*, all wore the famous red and green striped jerseys of that time.

The early to mid 1960's saw the "British Invasion", with players such as *Jim Dorman* (father of Steve and Scott, both present Adamstown players), *Jim McNally*, *Arthur Brady* and *Bob Cameron* from Scotland. *Brian Daykin*, *Mike Parker* and diminutive *Arthur Oldham* from England, Welsh International *Des Palmer* and "Aussie breds" *Warren Cook*, *Ray Howells* and a young player named *Col "Bunny" Curran*.

1966 saw a virtually new-look Adamstown side with only the elegant player-coach *Bob Cameron* and *Mike Parker* (later to become a cabaret singer), *Ray Howells* and *Warren Cook* from the '65 side.

"Cameron's Cubs", as they were aptly called, were a young side but still good enough to become Minor Premiers and Grand Finalists, losing 2-1 in a replayed grand final to an experienced Newcastle *Austral*. Three childhood heroes of that side were *Doug Johns*, *Ray Baartz* and *Col Curran*. The latter pair represented their country in the 1974 World Cup campaign and are among the "greats" of Australian Soccer.

Without doubt the greatest Adamstown side of the 60's was the 1968 side (many claim it to be Adamstown's greatest ever post-war team). It won everything on offer that year, Pre Season, Daniels Cup, Minor Premiership and Grand Final (A 4-2 win over '67 champions *Lake Macquarie* at *Macquarie Field* in front of 12000 plus people). Then to top off a great season, a week later, at the same venue, Adam-

stown thrashed the touring *Fijian National* side 5-1!

Just for the memory, here are the regulars of that great '68 side — *Jim Dorman* (goalie), *Peter Fairleigh*, *Hohn Archibald*, *Col Curran*, *Col Peattie*, *Bob Cameron* (captain/coach), *Jimmy Sinclair*, *John Doyle*, *Ken Whitmore*, *Doug Johns*, *Trevor Smythe*, *Steve Dalrymple*, *Ray Howells* and *Terry Dobson*.

1969/70 was best remembered for the *Ron Giles*, *Ken Whitmore* goalgetting combination which kept Adamstown at the top of the Northern Soccer's elite. *Peter Stone* (later to represent Australia) made his senior debut aged just 16, in 1970 and *Col Curran* was chosen to play for Australia later that year. 1971 was best remembered for an amazing 5-5 draw at Weston when *Ron Giles* scored the equaliser in the dying seconds of play, also long serving *John Clinton* and *Warwick Alexander*, became regular first graders.

Joe Lanzoni took over the coaching reigns from '72 to '74 and signed players of the calibre of goalie *Steve Goodbun*, *Denis Wright*, *Joe Senkalski*, *Graham Bull* and *Paul Queenan*. Adamstown also made the '73 and '74 Grand Finals, only to lose to *Weston Bears* on both occasions. (Weston were at their peak during those years, Adamstown's turn was soon to come).

Bill Paddocks, as coach in 1975/76 had a 100% record at Adamstown. He produced excellent sides in both years, capturing the Minor and Major Premierships (1975, at last beating *Weston* 2-1 in a replayed Grand Final — remember *Jim Foley's* diving header) and 1976, beating old rivals *Wallsend* 3-0 (making amends for 1965's 3-1 loss). In 1975 Adamstown were undefeated at home, scoring 100 goals for that season as a team, and *Graham Bull* scored half of those personally. In 1976 Adamstown beat *Cessnock City* 10-0 in a club match, their best home win in years. *Graham Jennings* (the *Socceroos* current left back) made his senior debut in '76 and *Bill Paddocks* can be thanked for giving the likes of *Kevin Lagerstrom*, *Darryl Evans*, *Darryl Regan*, *Graham Hills*, *Peter Jaye*, *Brett Davis*, *Mark Smith*, *Jim Foley* and others the chance to play for Adamstown,

and leave us with many happy memories during his all too brief stay as coach.

The late '70's and early 1980's were hard times for all Northern Soccer Clubs as the giant shadow of *Newcastle KB United* was cast over them. Adamstown lost the services of *Curran* and *Senkalski* to Sydney clubs briefly then on their return north not unexpectedly signing with *Newcastle KB United*. However, *Rosebuds* battled on, albeit in front of "gatherings" more often than crowds, yet, by the early 1980's had a good young side together under coach *Jack O'Brien*. Players of the calibre of *Warren Davies*, *John McQuarrie*, *Peter Winsor*, *Darryl Fenwick*, *Steve Werin* and others emerged. Fortunately, Adamstown has "weathered" the 1980's with generally smaller crowds and rising costs and even managed to take over the ailing *Newcastle KB United* in 1984, (Adamstown's first venture into National League football as *Newcastle Rosebud United*). In the process, they won the National Soccer League Cup 1-0 over *Melbourne Croatia* in Melbourne, with a side made up of the successful combination of ex *Newcastle KB* and Adamstown players, ably coached by *Willie Gallagher*. *Peter Irving* did well coaching the 1986 *Newcastle Rosebud NSL* side also. Although undefeated at home in 1984 and 1985 *Adamstown Rosebud* have made only two grand final appearances in the 1980's, so far, losing 3-2 to *Austral* in 1987 and to *West Wallsend* last year 2-1. The "buds" were Minor Premiers (champions) both those years ('87 and '88) and with last season's Benchmark Cup win (4-0 in *Coffs Harbour*) — we have had a small serving of success in the late 1980's — small, that is by Adamstown's usual high standards.

To *Neville Power* and the present Adamstown playing staff, on behalf of all Adamstown *Rosebud* supporters, we wish you total success in this our centenary year and remember it's not too late to win the 1989 Minor and Major Premiership, giving this Grand old club another major trophy to cap off the '80's decade. You are in fact writing the latest chapter in Adamstown's awesome history.

As a supporter from my childhood days,



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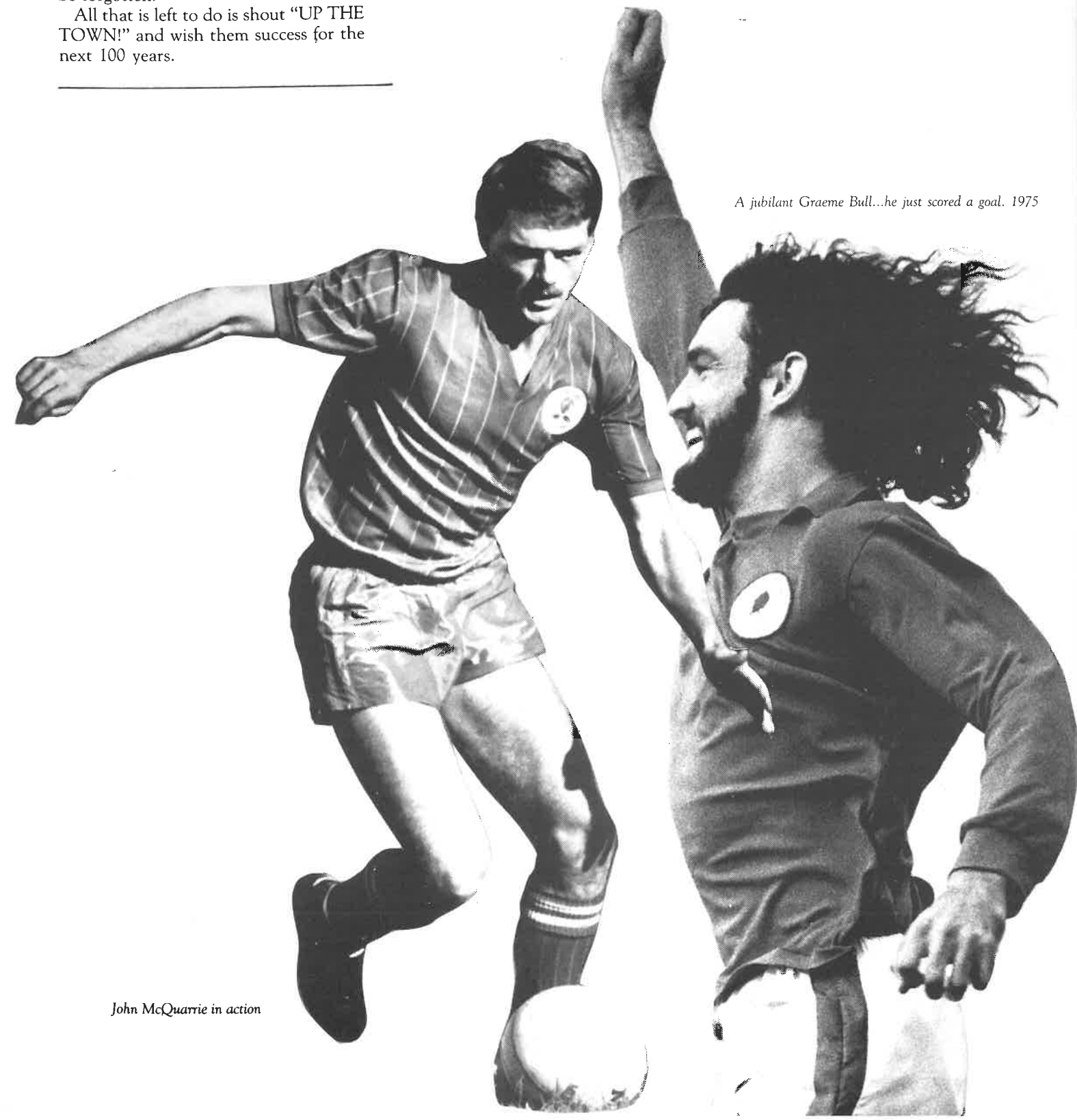
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(my family all are too), I would like to make special mention

of several Adamstown supporters, past and present, who deserve praise for their loyalty and devotion to this great club. They are Minnie Buckley, Bobby Bell, Harold "artie" Johns, Charlie "Geordie" Cain, both my grandparents and Glen Nolan. All except Glen Nolan are no longer with us today, but their memory and association with Adamstown Rosebud lives on and will not be forgotten.

All that is left to do is shout "UP THE TOWN!" and wish them success for the next 100 years.

A jubilant Graeme Bull...he just scored a goal. 1975



John McQuarrie in action

JUNIORS THE ROSEBUD NURSERY

One of the reasons Adamstown Rosebud is regarded as a pacesetter among the North's football fraternity is that it doesn't dwell solely on its senior product.

True, the senior teams, especially the first XI, are the showcase to which the club's finest products graduate, and the yardstick by which it can be compared to its rivals.

But the production line starts a long, long way from the top. It begins in a junior nursery that is one of the strongest in the Valley, if not the State, and from which so many of the senior teams' star players have emerged.

Nurturing the immense junior potential to be found within the district is something that has been a hallmark of all Adamstown's administrators. It is the reason the club has been able to dominate for such long periods, and why in leaner times the recovery has been so strong.

In this regard, Adamstown has indeed been a pioneer. Attention to junior development began almost from the day the foundation secretary Peter Finlayson took charge in 1889 and was a feature of all subsequent administration.

As the club moves into its second century with a chance on returning to State League, if not National League, it has assumed even greater importance.

Fostering junior talent was a keynote in the list of suggestions given to the club in 1985 by the departing English international **Dr J.F.G.M. Princeps**, who marvelled at the potential in the Adamstown area.

It was a point that the administration of the time did not overlook. It played a significant part in "Dinny" Hamilton's team building exercise, which took shape after Adamstown had won its maiden State championship (the Gardiner Cup) in 1909 and then seen many of its stars depart to clubs north and south.

Hamilton, quite rightly, put all his faith in the juniors of the area. And by 1925, the club had climbed back to the top of NSW with a team in which all but one of the players was 'home-grown'.

There are other instances in the club's 100-year history to further illustrate that the strength of junior talent in the area has never diminished, nor has the effort to harness the potential.

But it would be superfluous.

The Adamstown Rosebud Junior Soccer Club today ranks among the largest of the junior organisations in Newcastle. In fact, until the recent housing boom in the western suburbs of Newcastle, particular-

ly South Wallsend-Elmore Vale-Rankin Park, Adamstown had no peer in the Newcastle junior association in terms of player numbers, and very few with the same quality.

The present registration figures - between 300 and 350 players in 26-28 teams from coaching class through to under 16s - are a fair indication that the nursery is alive and well.

Like its senior counterpart, the Adamstown junior club has a fine tradition, one that enters its 26th year of autonomy in 1989.

The Adamstown juniors were granted independence from the senior body at the start of the 1953 season. Prior to that, juniors had functioned as a branch of the flourishing senior club.

But in 1952, when Adamstown reached what could be regarded as one of the lowest points in history, both senior and junior officials looked long and hard at solutions to the immediate problems.

Performances at senior level were highly disappointing. The club finished the season with just 12 points from its 18 premierships matches to finish ninth in the Nortyhern premiership.

It was the lowest spot Adamstown had yet occupied. Worse, there was no compensation form the Daniels Cup or the State Cup series; the team departed from both in the early rounds. The death of long-time official Bob Gardner added to the gloom.

Yet in the self-examination that followed, the club's administration produced a master-stroke by granting autonomy to the juniors.

The idea to form a junior club separate to the parent body freed hands to concentrate on other tasks, and both clubs flourished. The seniors started the long climb back toward the top (helped, of course, by recruits from the junior ranks) and the junior officials tackled their new responsibilities with such enthusiasm that a massive 32 junior sides were registered in that first season of independence.

Just as the senior body owed a great deal in its early years to administrators with the foresight and determination of 'Dinny' Hamilton so the juniors were indebted to individuals who gave enormous slices of time and effort to see the juniors established in their own right.

Of these, perhaps the most significant and best-remembered was the late Rueben Tyson, the junior body's inaugural president.

Tyson was a tireless worker on and off the field for the junior cause.

Many of the junior players who graduated from the nursery to the showcase, as it were, produced of Tyson's efforts.

It was a total team effort in the Tyson's Glebe Rd household (opposite the bowling club). The home became a landmark in the region, standing out because the backyard so often resembled a sea of red and green on Mrs Tyson's washing day. The washload invariably included the junior palying stripes.

The junior club's incumbent president, Barry Garaty, describes the present senior-junior relationship as 'excellent'.

One of the reasons for the junior body's ability to maintain player numbers beyond the 300 mark, he says, is the club's determination to instil 'a little bit of pride in our kids'.

'They get the best balls, the best playing strips, the best coaches, the best of everything we can provide. Garaty said.

'I think that's why the club has such a good name throughout the district and why the kids that start with us at five or six are still playing with us when they're 15 or 16.

Proof of the red and green strip's magnetic attraction can be found from the current junior registrations. Among the coaching class numbers are youngsters from as far afield as Toronto., while the older age groups contain one player whose mother rang from Broken Hill at the start of the year anxious to register her boy with Adamstown when the family learned it was moving to Newcastle.

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